UNDERGROUND #3

The Official Newsletter of the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group

DEC.'94 TO NOV.'95 - ONE YEAR OF DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMALS -$3-

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF BRITISH ACTIVIST JILL PHIPPS
MURDERED BY ANIMAL ABUSERS while fighting to save animals lives.





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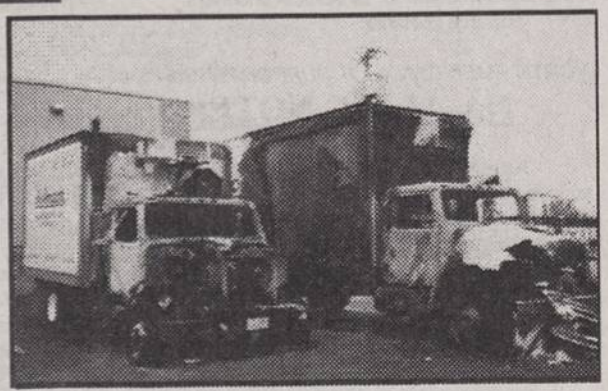
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16 pages of ALF actions!

A.L.F. HAVE A BONFIRE AT → HOFMANN'S SAUSAGE FACTORY



NA-ALFSG NEWS, PART 1: CHANGES IN THE SG

A Word from the Former SG Coordinator

It's been a real time of upheaval for the SG over the last couple months. Three people who were helping with the SG have moved on to other political projects. I had originally agreed to coordinate the SG until January 1995, but with the other people gone I felt I should stick with it for the time being.

It became fairly obvious fairly quickly that I didn't have the time, energy, or commitment to stick it thru as coordinator past January. *Underground #3*'s deadline passed, letters to be answered piled up ... it was clear that a new SG crew was needed. Unfortuantely, there was no new crew waiting to take on the SG. So from January to June, the SG was in limbo. Part of the problem was the debt accumulated from 1994, and the unfinished business left by the departure of the other SGers. I had my hands full with trying to complete projects and take care of the debt.

In looking for a new crew to take over the SG, there were some good discussions with activists in the USA, Canada, and the UK. What became clear was the need for a fully-functioning, stable SG in North America. Many people expressed hope that this time round the SG would be here to stay, not just here for a couple years as in the past.

Right now there is a slow but steady revitalization of direct action for animal liberation within North America. As an aboveground, legal organization, there's a lot a Supporters Group can do to support those who are either on the front lines or in jail as a result of their actions for liberation movements. With the demise of *Out of the Cages,* and *Militant Vegan, Underground*(or some similar mag) seems needed right now. In addition, we Canadians have the capacity to legally publish information on methods of illegal direct action, unlike our compadres at the SG in England.

In June, discussions began with a group of activists in Ontario who were interested in taking on the SG. In August and September, these arrangements were finalized.

The transition has gone amazingly smoothly, but please bear with the new crew as they become familiar with all the SG baggage! the new crew has a lot of work ahead of them, and I have every confidence that they will be able to do an excellent job with the SG.

Whatever happens in the future, our past and present members and other generous souls who have helped keep the SG financially afloat deserve a tremendous thank you. There is no way we could have done what we have without your monetary and political support. Certain prisoners have also invested a great deal of energy in making the SG work, particularly in making Underground happen and in kicking the butts of the people running the SG when we got tired and whiny. We hope that none of you feel your efforts were wasted, and we will continue to do what we can to further the work of the A.L.F. and bring about freedom for all political prisoners.

Towards liberation,

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NORTH AMERICAN A.L.F. SUPPORTERS GROUP

NA-ALFSG NOTES, PART 2

As many of you may already be aware, there have been some serious internal changes taking place within the SG. Throughout the month of August and into September steps were taken in which the SG changed hands, moving the coordination of the SG from Victoria, B.C. across the country to Toronto, Ont. Now, perhaps more than ever, as the animal liberation movement increases the pressure on animal ab/users on all fronts, there exists the need for a North American A.L.F. Supporters Group, providing updates and hard-to get information, and supporting animal liberation, direct action and political prisoners. Following discussions with activists across North America and the UK, a number of activists in different groups began discussing spreading the SG work out amongst (known & trusted) activists in different cities -- people who were to make long-term commitments to the SG, and people from different areas of expertise/interest. Well, the process is now complete and the NA- ALFSG is ready to take up where it left off.

A.L.F. actions have continued unabated, during the SG change-over, and within days of our taking over the SG's e-mail address in late August, we were receiving word of an ALF action in which 500 pigeons were freed near Hegins, Pennsylvania (see pg 30 for details). At the same time, other ALF action reports have been pouring in from around the world. For those of you who have written the SG, don't worry - you've not been forgotten. Right now it feels like the Toronto SG office is living out of boxes, but as we unload and file away all the updates, letters, correspondences and information forwarded from B.C., we are taking the time to answer each letter needing a reply.

Apologies to those of you who have been anxiously wondering what happened to *Underground #3*. Yes, it has been one year since issue #2. There are many reasons why we were unable to go to print before now, as Zab metioned above. An important reason was the $2000 debt accumulated as a result of the sharp increase in prison support work needed in 1994. It has taken a lot of work, and there is still $300 owing, but thanks to very generous donations from supporters we have been able to come into this new SG with far less worry than the old crew.

Financial woes aside, the 12 months since *Underground #2* have been...interesting. Lots of UK news, but we'll leave it to the UK SG and A.L.F. Press Officer to fill everyone in (see pages 10 to 17). On a more local note, there were some important victories for our imprisoned comrades. Darren Thurston was released in January 1995, and has now served all his time. Lise Olson has also been freed, having served her time. New prisoners include Rod Coronado, who was sentenced to 4 yrs for A.L.F. related activities (pg 56 for his address).

Our insurance company has informed us they will not replace the equipment that was stolen in the October burglary of the former SG office. Donations of IBM computer equipment and a photocopier are sorely needed right now, for any of you who feel like being particularly generous.

Speaking of insurance companies and burglaries, just as we were beginning to relax after the relative post-burglary calm, our e-mail account, <un028@freenet.victoria.bc.ca>, was shut down. The panicked service providers (Victoria Freenet) informed us that they had "disabled" the account after seeing a TV news story about "illegal documents" (i.e. the article on how to build incendiaries that appeared in Underground #2) being distributed on the World Wide Web (WWW) AR Frontline Information Service pages, at http://envirolink.org/adn/alf.html. Our Freenet address appeared on TV as part of the broadcast (and of course the predictable interviews with the police about the terroristic nature of the SG, ha ha). So now the situation with that account is that e-mail is possibly still being received, but we cannot access the account. The only people who can access the account are the Victoria Freenet maintainers. Freenet maintains that they are not reading our mail or passing it on the police. Yeah right. We'll leave you folks to decide where our mail is now going...

But as always there are ways around these things, and so we are back on-line without too much fuss. Our new address is <an246614@anon.penet.fi>.

We have been getting quite a bit of mail lately. Many of you have asked either (1) how to donate money from outside Canada, or (2) why it takes us so long to get merchandise orders out. Here's the scoop on both questions, for all of you who have been wondering.

1) We accept cheques or money orders in either US or Canadian dollars. Any other currency must be exchanged, and we lose almost half of the money in exchange fees, so we ask overseas supporters to send

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money orders in US or Canadian currency ONLY. All cheques and money orders should be made out to: NA-ALFSG. Please do NOT send cheques if you are outside the USA or Canada; our bank only accepts cheques from Canadian and US banks. The same principles apply for those of you wanting to donate to the UK ALFSG. According to the UK-ALFSG, "Due to high exchange rates we cannot accept cheques or notes in Canadian or USA dollars as we lose so much in the transaction. A bank will organize a cheque in pounds sterling which is the best solution."

2) We have had a lot of problems with distribution. Basically, the person handling distribution was unable to do the job properly. Distribution is now being run by SG activists in Memphis, and we are hoping the problems will be taken care of. The new NA-ALFSG Distro address is as follows:

NA-ALFSG Distro
Box 241532
Memphis, TN
38124 USA

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In general, it can take a while for merchandise orders to be processed and sent because we are so short-staffed. We are trying to improve the system so that orders are filled more quickly. Please be patient with us. Also -- if you have not received your merchandise within 6 weeks of ordering it, please send us a note. We do make mistakes, and sometimes orders are not processed properly.

So why all this blather about us, with no news on how animals are faring? Well, because, as always, our critter friends are being mutilated, tortured, murdered, and otherwise generally exploited. Not much new about that. It's sad but true that although we can report some setbacks for the animal abuse industries, overall not much has changed in the last ten months. But then this isn't a battle that will be won by short-term victories. Do not be discouraged by what may appear to be slow progress. Like any liberation movement, we have a great deal of work ahead of us, and we must see the process of animal liberation in the context of the long, hard fight it will surely be.

Underground #3 is chock full of updates, actions and articles from the last 12 or so months, from Nov 94 to Nov 95. Inside you'll find information about animal liberation activities, some you may already know about, and many that you probably don't. Obviously, this is a fairly large issue, however, once we start producing Underground on a (hopefully) quarterly basis our printing and mailing costs will go down in accordance to the size and bulk of the magazine. Unfortunately, after having published *Underground #3,* we're pretty much broke! Much of our costs will be recouped through the sale of *Underground* and S.G. merchandise (hint hint!), but right now we have other financial obligations (prisoner support, etc.) that just can't be put on hold. As always, any donations, no matter how small are greatly appreciated, and will be put to good use.

One thing that is striking about some of the information listed in this issue of *Underground* is the level of intimidation and physical violence currently being directed at animal activists. While government and industry continue to scream themselves hoarse about "terrorism" and "animal fanatics" who will "stop at nothing," the body count only climbs on one side, as animal lib activists are murdered by those directly involved in animal exploitation. The Animal Liberation Front's campaign of economic sabotage through the damage and destruction of property actively seeks to aviod the harming of any animal (human or otherwise). Those bent on destroying the animal liberation movement are not so careful with their actions. In their world, life is cheap (human and otherwise), and murder is justified in the name of profit. As you know, *Underground #3* is dedicated to one such person killed while trying to protect animals. Jill Phipps had the life crushed out of her under the wheels of a cattle truck as it drove through a crowd of protesters campaigning against the export of veal calves. Jill's death is a terrible loss for everyone. She was a tireless campaigner for a number of social justice causes, and she will be sorely missed by everyone, including the animals she has helped during her lifetime. One thing has become clear: her death has strengthened this movement, bringing together people from all walks of life, increasing our determination to bring an end to animal expoitation on all levels. With love, courage and anger, we continue where Jill left off.

Ok then, kick up your heels, stay active, and stay safe. We hope you find this issue of *Underground* enjoyable and useful.

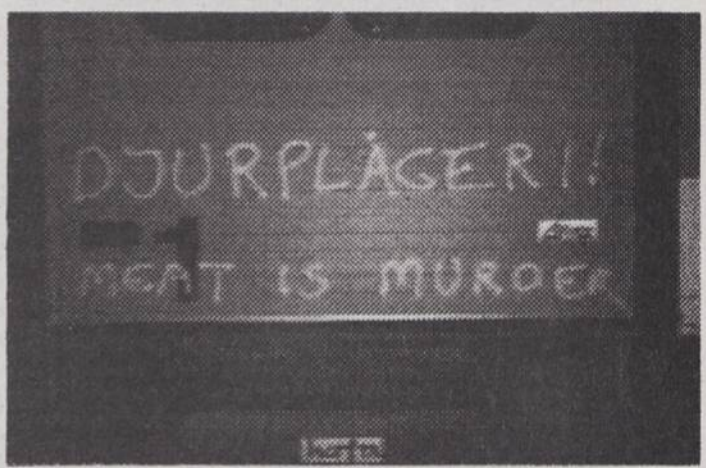
Towards animal liberation and freedom for all political prisoners,
NORTH AMERICAN A.L.F. SUPPORTERS GROUP

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (A.L.F.)
GUIDELINES:

The Animal Liberation Front carries out direct action against animal abuse in the form of rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters, usually through the damage and distruction of property.

The A.L.F.'s short term aim is to save as many animals as possible and directly disrupt the practice of animal abuse. their long term aim is to end all animal suffering by forcing animal abuse companies out of business. It is a nonviolent campaign, activists taking all precautions not to harm any animal (human or otherwise).

Because A.L.F. actions are against the law, activists work anonymously, either in small groups or individually, and do not have any centralized organization or coordination.



The purpose of the North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group (NA-ALFSG) is to support the work of the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) by ALL LAWFUL MEANS POSSIBLE. This includes:

*** support of imprisoned A.L.F. activists**
*** support and defence of the A.L.F.**
*** educating the public as to the need and rationale of direct action**
*** providing a communication forum through the Supporters Group newsletter**
*** raising funds for all the above activities**

The Supporters Group is for those who wish to support the A.L.f. without breaking the law. We encourage the participation of all activists - including those who are unable to, or who do not wish to, take part in direct action.

Any individual or group of people who are vegetarians or vegans and who carry out actions according to A.L.F. guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the A.L.F.

The Animal Liberation Front consists of small atonomous groups of people all over the world who carry out direct action according to the A.L.F. guidelines. You cannot become a member of - or an A.L.F. activist - by joining or writing to the North American ALFSG, which is a completely separeate organization.

Vegan Action

Cookbook / T-Shirt Catalog

Spoonfight - Vegan Manual to Kitchen Terrorism - NEW! - A Berkeley vegan tells all. Hilarious - $2

Bark & Grass #2 - The best recipes by a young vegan chef from Chicago. Positive Press - $2

Raggedy Anarchy's Guide to Vegan Baking and the Universe - All bad-for-you desserts - $3

Well Fed, Not an Animal Dead - Beautifully hand-written and illustrated British recipes - $2

Soy, Not Oi - Warning! Hippies and punks were involved in creating this zine - $3

"VEGAN" T-Shirt, has beautiful flower-earth logo and says "Animals Environment Health." - $12 or $10 with Vegan Action membership. Specify size (L or XL) and list color preferences.

All Prices include postage.
To subscribe to the Vegan News, and receive a membership in Vegan Action, send $10.
Vegan Action, P.O. Box 4353, Berkeley, CA 94704

Got Somethin' To Say? Give Us A Shout!

We welcome letters, articles, artwork, action reports, or anything else for publication in Underground. Please be sure to write "FOR PUBLICATION" on anything you send us for the newsletter, so that we know what should and should not be published. Also please make it clear whether or not you will accept editing of your contribution.

We do not believe in censorship. If we have serious concerns about printing something that is sent to us, we will make every effort to discuss our concerns with the author. As part of taking responsibility for Underground, we will let readers know if we have a serious problem with something we end up printing. Keep in mind that this is a magazine by and for people who support the A.L.F. and please strive to keep your letters/articles respectful.

North American ALFSG Membership

Suggested costs for a membership to the NA-ALFSG, including a year's subscription to Undrground are on a $20-$30 sliding scale. Canadian and US checks or money orders only (overseas subscribers please pay in US currency). Prisoner subscriptions are free. Make cheques payable to: NA-ALFSG..

Send all corispondances and money orders to:

NA-ALFSG
Po Box 96597
5845 Younge St.

HOW TO REGAIN YOR PRIVACY

Troubled by phone tapping?
Someone interfering with your post?
BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU!

In this the age of national computer databases, video surveillance cameras, DNA finger-printing, eroding civil rights and ever increasing police powers, the privacy of the individual is seriously at risk. However, some of the very technology that helps to deprive us of privacy may now help us to regain it.

When a citizens' movement questions authority or challenges the status quo, there is a possibility that the interests threatened will attempt to monitor their actions. This may be done in order to ascertain the danger posed, identify the individuals involved, discover ways to reduce the effectiveness of the movement or, if possible, destroy it. It is the communications between the members of the movement that are perhaps the most useful to the opposition and it should come as no surprise that phone tapping and intercepting mail are amongst the methods commonly used against citizens' movements.

Thankfully, there are methods that can be used to help minimize the problem, but most traditional methods are far from foolproof and are hardly convenient. Traditional methods are, in fact, so inconvenient that it is doubtful that they are used by many to any great degree.

When making phone calls, some form of code could be implemented, substituting incriminating words with "innocent" ones and also disguising sensitive information like times, dates and places. Producing an effective and flexible code is very difficult, rather like trying to invent a new language. All the people you wish to understand the code must have been taught how to use it, and the information about the workings of the code must be passed in private and must not be allowed to fall into the wrong hands at any time since all messages (past, present, and future) would then be compromised. Most codes are also cumbersome in use, restrictive, and easy to crack unless the code is changed frequently.

Slightly harder to crack and less restrictive would be the use of written messages that have been manually encrypted and then sent through the post. A safe method of passing the key is still necessary, and manual encryption can be very cumbersome to use.

The drawbacks may make these encryption methods impractical to use routinely, and so when you do use them, the encoded message itself would appear highly suspicious. Even if the opposition could not immediately understand the message, they might have their interest raised sufficiently to step-up surveillance, while putting resources into cracking the code.

So what's left? With a computer you can use military standard encryption algorithms that are virtually impossible to crack. You get flexibility, ease, and speed of use. And since it is so easy to use, you can use it all the time, so the importance of a very sensitive message is not revealed.

While encryption offers a solution to the problems of phone tapping or mail interception, conventional methods have their own problems. To de-cipher a message requires the recipient to have the same key as that used by the sender to encrypt it. If the sender and recipient get the opportunity to meet face to face then the key can be exchanged, but there are situations when no safe channel is available.

Public key cryptology provides the solution. Each person using the system has two related keys; one secret, one public. The public key can be distributed freely; it doesn't matter if it falls into the hands of the opposition. Possessing the public key does not enable anyone to

MAIL SECURITY

If you are a member of an active A.L.F. Cell, send us any clippings, or your own report, with date, time, place and details of the action. Wear gloves at all times to aviod leaving fingerprints on the paper, envelope or stamp. Do not give your address, and don't lick the stamp or envelope (use a wet sponge). REMEMBER you should expect that all of our mail is opened and read by the authorities.

DO NOT inform us of upcoming actions BEFORE they happen.

deduce the corresponding secret key. Ideally, the secret key must be kept secure; however the best laid plans to go astray, so in order to add further protection, the best systems require a "pass-phrase", known only by the owner, whenever the key is used.

Before sending a message, the sender encrypts the message using the public key belonging to the intended recipient. The resulting encrypted file can then be sent by electronic mail (or by disk in the standard post). The encrypted message can not be read by anyone (even with the public key), only by the person with the matching secret key and its "pass-phrase".

The system also provides message authentication. The sender's own secret key can be used to encrypt a message, thereby "signing" it. This creates a digital signature of a message, which anyone can check by using the sender's public key to decrypt it. This proves that the sender was the true originator of the message, and that the message has not been subsequently altered by anyone else. Forgery is not feasible, and the sender cannot later disown his/her signature. Both privacy and authentication can be provided by first signing a message with your own secret key, then encrypting it with the recipient's public key. The recipient reverses these steps by first decrypting the message with their own secret key, then checking the enclosed signature with your public key.

The advanced algorithms used by Public Key Cryptology and conventional single-key cryptology may be practically uncrackable, and potentially helpful in solving the problems of phone tapping and mail interception. However, no system can free us from the threat of infiltration or stupidity! The person you send the encrypted messages to may be the only person who can read them, but if that person is careless or, not as trustworthy as you thought, all your efforts will have been wasted. Beware! - be careful, be free and be useful.

Anon.

For privacy, freedom and the animals.

PRETTY GOOD PRIVACY

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) is a high security cryptographic software application based on "public key" cryptography (described above). PGP allows people to exchange files or messages with privacy, authentication, and convenience.

The original versions of PGP were written by Philip Zimmerman. If the US government has its way, he will spend a long time in prison since he is being prosecuted by US Customs for exporting encryption technology without a licence. This apparently is covered by the same laws as the export of arms, explosives, ammunition or military technology, so he could be spending a very long time behind bars. However, he has achieved what he set out to achieve -- he has provided a public key cryptology system for the masses. PGP is available for most major computers and operating systems including IBM PC, Apple, Amiga, Atari and UNIX systems. It's "free-ware", which means it costs nothing and is easy to obtain from any decent shareware library, computer bulletin board or anonymous FTP site. With a computer and this software, we can gain back some of the privacy that modern technology has allowed others to take away from us.

-ben

So You Want To Send Us A Letter - by @nu

It has been brought to our attention that not only has mail addressed to the old North American A.L.F. Supporters Group address (P.O. Box 8673, Victoria) been very blatantly opened but that a fair amount of mail is never making it to us. Obviously ending up in someone else's hands (hummm RCMP...CSIS?) See page 4 for mail security tips, but here's some good advice: go to a college/school photo-copy shop and type a press release on a computer (do not save to computer or disk) and print. At a public photocopier, find some scrap paper and place one piece on the tray where copies come out. Make your copies but do NOT touch them Place the second scrap paper on top of the finished copies and keep your original separate (to burn later). Buy some pre-packed stamps and wrapped envelopes. At a clean work area (beware of DNA traces!) using gloves, remove the scraps of paper, load evelopes and seal with a sponge. Beware of traces of hair, fibers, etc!! Address with a common bic pen and place in a larger envelope to carry and tip contents into a distant mail box. Be sure to destroy the stamps, envelopes, large envelope, etc. This may seem extreme, but if saves you from prison, its worth it!



SOME BASIC TIPS ON GENERAL SECURITY

As animal liberation activists, we must expect that at some point we will be victims of surveillance, disruption and attacks (legal and illegal) instigated by the state and/or political opponents. Just look what happened to the NA-ALFSG in B.C. last year *[Underground #2* for details] if you're not sure what we mean. Just remember, you are not helpless. There are some basic ways to deal with the problem of surveillance, generally the rules apply everywhere.*(info taken from REALITY NOW #38)*

Telephones

The general rule: act as if the phone you are using is tapped.

Why the rule? Because:

!. If you are known to police as an activist or someone who you openly associate with is a known activist you are a candidate for a phone tap.

2. You cannot assume that your meek and mild friend, who's phone you are using does not have an open association with someone who is "heavy."

3. Pay phones are also tapped. Perhaps the payphone you're using is also the one "Teddy the Torch" uses, and he's not as cautious as you. The police solve many crimes by "accident" when they stumble across evidence while investigating something completely different.

Only a fool or a hermit assumes her or his phone is not tapped.

Tracing Calls

Yes they can do it without legal restrictions.

-long distance phone bills are checked to see who you've called and how often, etc.

-equipment is attached which can identify the numbers being called and the time.

Your House and Other Places

Surreptitous Entries

Purpose of Entries: i) to look around: at documents, files, letters, address books, weapons etc. ii) to plant bugs or remove them later. iii) to steal or destroy documents or to torch the place. iv) to plant documents or prohibited items. Cars are also easily broken into. Don't assume that conversation in a car is safe.

Your Garbage

Yes, they look through you garbage too. Try burning the papers you don't want read. You can take your garbage elsewhere too.

Combatting the Problem

* Consider the advantages of living with others. It makes it hard for them to predict when the house will be empty, if you have enough people. But don't count on this.

* Keep sensitive material in locked containers. At least you know that its been tampered with or taken.

* Keep really sensitive materials in "safe houses."

* Duplicate hard to replace documents and store the copies in safe places.

Weigh the relative importance of writing down every history making decision you make against the importance of not providing the police with the evidence they need for the conspiracy trial.

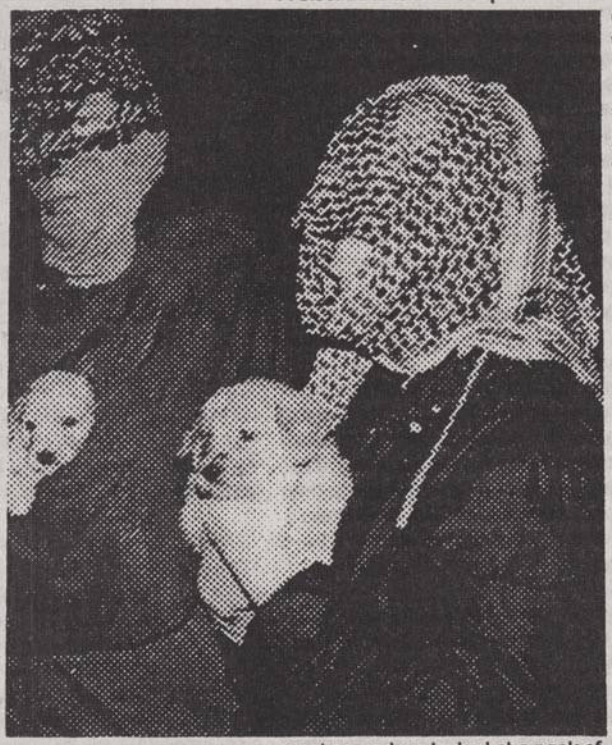
BE CAREFUL. GOOD LUCK.

*The person who wrote this is aware of the possible legal ramifications of the article being printed. We encourage all activists to think **VERY CAREFULLY** before writing anything that links specific people to specific actions.*

THE FIRST TEN YEARS

The story about the Swedish A.L.F., Djurens Befrielse Front

After being interested in animal welfare almost all of my life, being a member in ordinary animal welfare associations, the turning point came in the autumn 1984. Swedish TV broadcast a film about all the horrible and cruel things done to animals. Things that I already knew of and a lot of things I didn't. While watching Victor Schonfelt's film, hatred began to grow inside me. The film showed things worse than slavery, worse than the extermination camps in Nazi-Germany. I had always avoided watching such terrible pictures, but this time I forced myself to see every single film frame.



That night I felt sick with anger and guilt, sick with myself who had let this happen, sick with humans doing this to animals. When the dawn had set in I understood I had to do something -- really do something, to take action. But how? I had never felt so lonely as I did that night, as if I was the only human being in the whole universe.

Of course I had heard of the Animal Liberation Front and always had felt sympathetic to their work. Could I do that? Not me, a middle class, divorced, then 35 year old woman. After spending days thinking about this, the answer came up. The only way to get the abused animals saved was to just go in and bring them out. But that's a crime. So what? The bigger crime is to expose animals to abuse.

As I couldn't do anything on my own I had to find other people to work with me, I couldn't put out an advertisement, could I? Well I did, under the personals in the newspaper, seeking people interested in animal welfare work the English way. Then I spent a couple of nervous days waiting and then answers came dropping in. Thirteen answers. After two meetings talking After two meetings talking around things, saying what I wanted without actually saying anything, a small group of four was left after the rest found it too radical. There were "Asa", "Kevin", "Eric" and me. Discussions took place about how to do it and most of all where. We didn't know that much about vivisection and how to break in. How to use a crowbar? What name should we use?

Well that question was easy of course we should take on the name Animal Liberation Front which is Djurens Befrielse Front in Swedish. Some months of investigation took place and also some field trips. We had heard rumors that the University of Lund's, Dept. of Dentistry, was experimenting on animals. We went to the large building where the school is located in the center of Malmo. We could hear the dogs bark on the top floor.

On June 16th 1985 three of us went to our first night shift. One crowbar and a couple of screwdrivers was all we brought. It was late at night and very quiet and we walked around the huge building in order to find the perfect place to break in. We found it, a small, rather old door in the basement. Being the first time for us, we really got a good grip on the crowbar; after a short while the door just flew open with a terrible noise. in we went. We ran up and down various stairways but we couldn't get to the top floor. Back down to the basement again and we found an elevator. With pounding heart and a sweat-production that was unbelievable we stepped in, pushed the button marked top floor. What would be waiting there? After what seemed like many hours, the elevator stopped. We now were in a narrow hallway looking at a steel door and some ordinary simple doors. On the other side of the steel door we could hear the dogs bark.

A steel door with a complicated lock. No idea. We tried the ordinary doors, no luck and the crowbar was no good on the door. But what about the door frame? Now the crowbar was working. We came into a small office and on the desk was some sort of pot with keys in it. Back to the steel door. The first, second, and third keys didn't fit. Lucky for us the steel door had no alarm. Finally the fourth key fit.

Three very tired and scared people set foot in the vivisection department. The first time any outsiders ever set foot in a vivisection lab in Sweden. At this point we didn't care, didn't understand we were actually writing history. We just wanted to get the dogs we had been working so hard for. We noticed rats in several rooms and finally we came to the dog room. Could it be dangerous -- big angry dogs? Slowly we opened the door into a dark room and the barking became louder. By the sound of the barking it didn't seem dangerous. The light went on and we looked at a pack of Beagles.

So many and we could only take two. We spent a little time with the dogs. They were all so beautiful but a bit scared. We looked around in the dog room. There were open pens so at least the dogs could be together but there were no bedding, no toys for them. But how to choose which ones to bring? This dilemma worked out by itself. The two dogs that were most interested in us and had the guts to sniff at our hands told us they were the ones. We ran out, into the elevator and down and out into the night air. We couldn't believe what we had done now when reality set in. We were happy but still unhappy for the dogs we had to leave behind.

We took them to a safe house and gave them water and a big soft blanket. We could see that one of the female dogs had a metal thing in her mouth instead of teeth. The other one had teeth but her gums were swollen and had a strange color. Slowly we began to understand what the experiment was all about. Periodontoclasia. The dogs had been given soft food, and of course had no bedding and toys, in order to make them lose their teeth. The metal thing in the dog's mouth was screwed in her jaw-bone. This required a vet to remove.

Four days later when the dogs were well taken care of and moved a long way from Malmo, we wrote a press release explaining what and why we had done this. Of course the newspapers had written about this, without knowing anything. They actually speculated the British A.L.F. had come over. We had painted the letters D B F together with "animal abuser" on the walls outside the dog room. People in various animal well fare organizations condemned the action saying we had acted as kidnappers and they felt sorry for the dogs and believed the dogs had a better life at the lab.

Well we were in business and during the rest of 1985 another three rescue actions took place. All together 47 dogs were rescued from animal abusers and also a raid at a mink farm took place. The media went nuts due to all this drama.

1986 started good. Fifteen beagles were rescued in a day light raid at Sweden's largest dog breeder for vivisection, then owned by Mary and Rolf Andersson at Vastrarps farm near Orkelljunga. Later on this place was bought by ASTRA and Kabi Pharmacia. Boy are we glad that people have their lunch break at noon. Thanks to their hunger, 15 dogs didn't have to end their lives in a lab.

Two more actions were taken care of that year. Guineapigs and more dogs. We were beginning to get rather good at this and the second action that year was a real cheeky one. We knew that a vivisection breeder outside Malmo transported guineapigs by train from Malmo to Stockholm in the evening. We walked into the crowded train station in plain clothes looking very normal. The station had police and security guards. We ran fast towards the trains goods wagon, which was unlocked, after we had place a couple of look-outs. We found the guineapigs easily and took the cardboard boxes in our arms walking away. When we were close to the entrance door a pair of policeman walked by us. They seemed to find everything normal.

Away we went with 39 white lovely guineapigs. Our rescue wasn't noticed until the next morning in Stockholm, when the lab went crazy. No guineapigs to torture. Now we were really in the mood. We had for some time had our eyes on the University of Lund where almost every department has vivisection labs. We went on a field trip to the department of Pharmacology. It looked as if it was possible to carry out action #10 there. On Sept. 27th 1987 we went in at midnight. While the look-outs were on a roof the troops went in. The look-outs spotted a security guard walking towards the door we had just broken into. We got the signal for danger. Inside the rabbit room none of the activists breathed for a long while. Security guards aren't the brightest people, this one just closed the door and that was that. The eight rabbits were carefully put into special bags and were brought out.

Several rescues at the University took place and also some sheep and private owned dogs were rescued from their abusers together with a few raids at mink farms.

In 1987 a terrible thing happened. Someone (and I know who) told the police about me. Up to now the police didn't have a clue where I was or who I was. Early one morning a police car came up to the house where I lived. I knew at once what was happening and I felt as if I could die knowing someone has told the police. It was terrible that someone once involved could do this. I was almost in shock and was not prepared to face the police, and also the house was full of evidence, no rescued animals, but working tools, names, address and so on.

The police went away and I'm sure they thought "we'll get her next time". OK the next time I was prepared, invited the police in and I was charming and absolutely lovely. I was brought to a police station in the next town, had to wait in the arrest area but not in a cell, but a police women kept her eye on me. I still didn't know exactly why I was there. I was told to wait for the police from Lund. After a couple of hours they came and interrogated me for a few hours. After that I was prosecuted for theft of a monkey from a lab. Since the prosecutor didn't have any evidence and the person who had told on me couldn't face me on trial, the case was thrown out by the judge. Lucky me.

Action #22 took place on Nov. 22 1988, when 25 chinchillas were rescued from a fur farm. That same night seven hens were rescued from an egg factory. 1989 started good too. On March 4th, fourteen cats were rescued from a lab-breeder in Halmstead. One cat was pregnant and later gave birth to two kittens. After another three rescue actions, we carried out our first sabotage raid. Eight hunting platforms (a sort of tower where deer and elk are shot from). In the newspapers hunters said that if and when they got a hold of me they would beat me up. Violent people those hunters.

For some time now we had both a phone number and a post office box and money started to come in and letters, letters and more letters, journalists, TV and radio. The whole thing was like a mad house. By now we also had established contact with colleagues in the UK.

Action #34 on April 21st 1990 was an unusual one. We had gathered a lot of unconnected people for a demo outside the place in Orkelljunga that we had rescued dogs from. The owners knew we were coming and had prepared themselves with thugs who more or less beat us up while the place was crowded with police who looked the other way. We weren't really badly hurt but I'll never forget the disgusting feeling when vivisection-defenders/animal-abusers touched me with their violent hands. When I came home that same day I sat down and has a good long cry. But there wasn't time for feeling sorry for oneself.

A few days later some more hunting platforms became history and four dogs were rescued from a notorious dog breeder. On May 14th 1991 we visited four fur shops in Helsingborg with red paint, glue and so on. This, our action #39, was in honor of the young hunt sab Mike Hill who was killed in the UK by hunters. It was a sad time knowing that a young wonderful person who did right, who did good, had to end in such a terrible way.

For some time now we had talked about having me go to London, and in April 1992 it was time. I went on an air plane for the first and last time in my life. Rescuing animals at night - piece of cake, but traveling by air, no thanks, not again. In London, I met activists who I had been in touch with while they were in prison. My dear sweet friends took care of me as if I was a queen.

I would have liked to meet Ronnie Lee but he was still in prison. But I did meet with the ALF Press Officer, a wonderful warm and caring man who gave me an ALF SG hat which I wear on special occasions. We had a long nice talk and I felt as if he was, and still is, my brother. Later on I got a chance to say Hi to his wonderful supportive partner.

I also had a chance to take part in a demo outside Boots arranged by London Boots Action Group. I also was introduced to a man who had a real impact on my life. This intense little guy spoke in soft 'musical' English how he had to give up football. Stupid me asked why. He explained about the football and shoes were made of leather. Thanks B for making me aware of the fact that it's not enough to be vegetarian. Vegan is the thing. Vegan power can make us move mountains.

The last day of my visit was the big march against vivisection arranged by the NAVS. I was amazed how big the march was, all those people in the same place for one reason only. I met a priest who, after I told him who I was, gave me his blessing. Even if I'm an atheist and 50% Buddhist it felt good. Of course I met with even more colleagues. I would had wished the march could end up outside a vivisection lab and I felt it was sad to see how many people had brought dogs. Leave the animals home where they are safe.

After a week I was back home safe (no the plane didn't crash!), full of energy, feeling good.

At home we had problems. Hardly any activists left, no homes for rescued animals, no money and not even a car. I had to move from my old home to a new little town. People knew who I was and I was attacked with spit and stones, and finally my car burned. The new place was quiet, still is. The police come and want to know a lot of stupid things which I, of course, don't answer.

Only one action took place in 1992 and the next year none. But 1994 started well. Action #44 took place on Jan. 22nd. 18 guineapigs, 9 hamsters and 5 rabbits were rescued from a hospital vivisection lab in the capital of Sweden.

In May something interesting occurred and for once it was not us. Some slaughter vehicles were burned outside a slaughterhouse in Stockholm. The damage was valued at a couple of million (Swedish krona). I felt

great that others had finally started to do something. In September it happened again, this time in northern Sweden. In Umea three slaughter vehicles were burned out: three million kronas damage. Unfortunately the group who did this had painted our name on a car outside the place.

Again the media went nuts and phoned me over and over again. All I could say was "No we didn't do it, I don't know who did it, yes I agree with their action because 67 million animals are killed in slaughterhouses in Sweden each year." TV phoned, interviews were made, radio and so on. A lot of hard work but I say thanks for all the free PR we got.

Death threats and such are almost an everyday thing for me but after the slaughterhouse vehicle raids something else has occurred. People, not reporters or police, have been asking questions in the neighborhood about me. Even the post office has gotten these questions. This might mean trouble. But I have taken steps to protect myself. A police man gave me some ideas on how to protect myself. I will not let anyone scare me into closing down an organization that is almost 10 years old. No way, threats or no threats. Yes I'm a bit afraid, but there is a saying that gives me strength: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going".

Still I consider myself lucky, no prison (yet) and I have been treated rather well by the police. It's not at all as activists are treated in the UK, USA and Canada. And it has been ten great years, weird but great even though I'm now 20 years older instead of ten! I have no regrets, well maybe one. Why didn't I start the DBF sooner. Reporters keep asking me if I'm going to slow down now at my age (a few more years and I'm turning 50). To that there is only one answer "You ain't seen nothing yet".

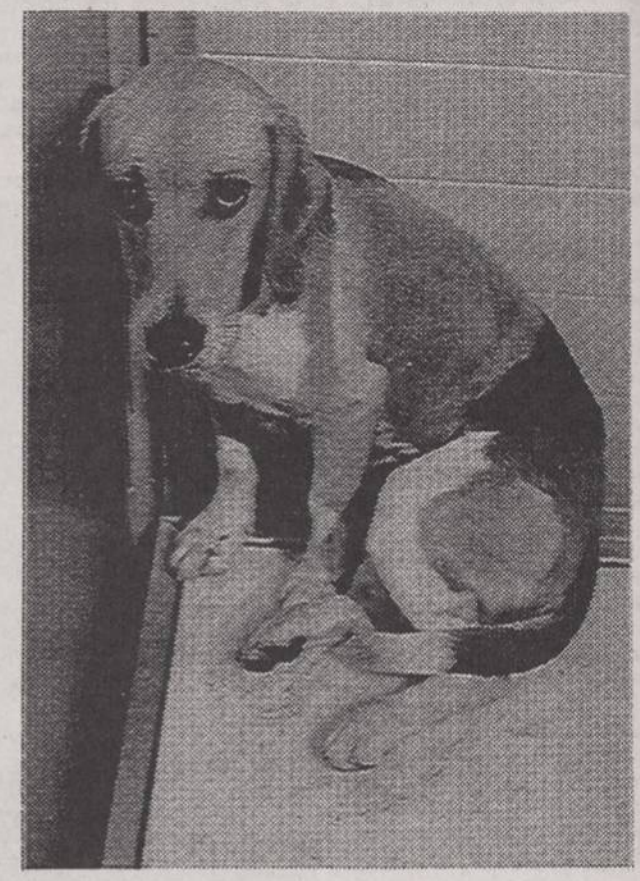
1994 ended rather well, on Dec. 22nd we visited three meatshops and one fur shop in Stockholm (smashed window, red paint and glue).

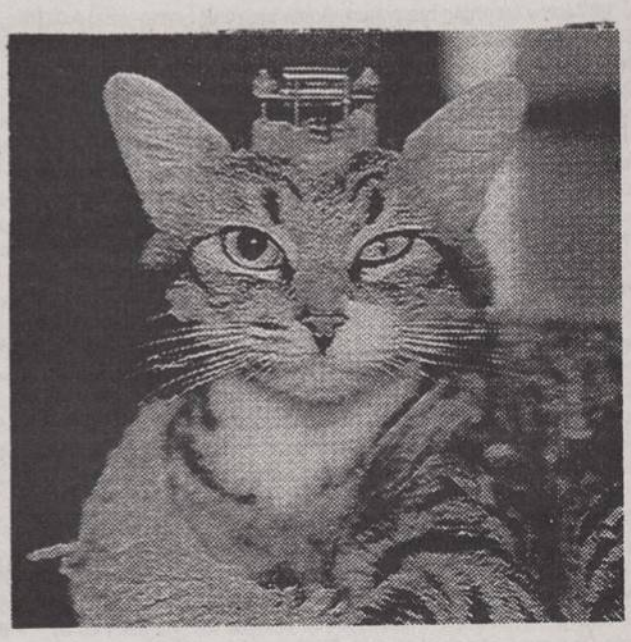
Four days later I became a grandmother to baby Luke.

I wish all activists, and especially those in prison, a happy, safe and successful 1995.

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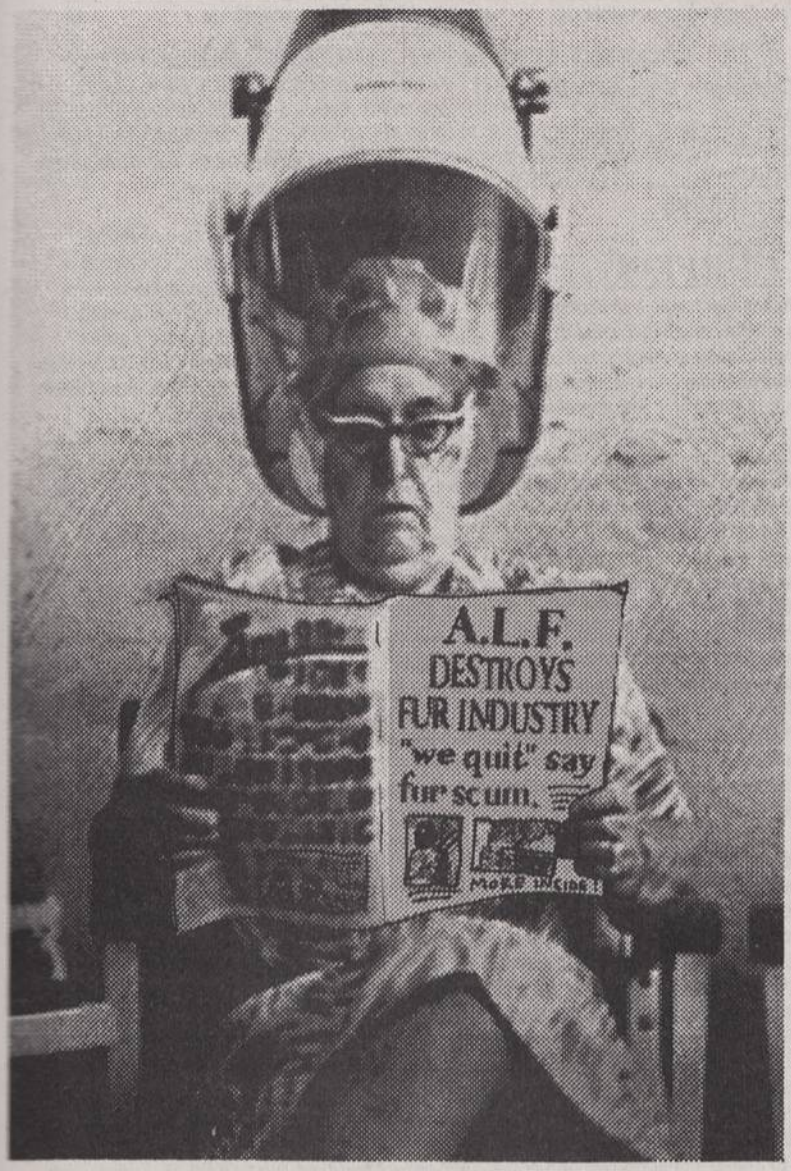
"Wish--To end all the killing in the world."
"Hobbies--Hunting and fishing."
- from personal statistics of California Angel Bryan Harvey, flashed on the scoreboard at Anaheim Stadium

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On Pesticides:
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Criminal Justice Act Update

from a news release, Feb 2, 1995

Two hunt saboteurs arrested at the Ashford Valley Foxhunt meet at Chainhurst, Kent, on 12th November 1994 were convited on charges of aggravated trespass at Maidstone Magistrates Court today (2nd February) despite serious flaws in the prosecution case which led defence barristers to ask for the court to rule there was no case to answer. They were fined #100 and #200 respectively, with costs of #60 awarded against each of them. Both have announced their intention to appeal (which prevents us going into great detail here) and to take the case as far as necessary to protect the right to protest. The Crown Prosecution Service had already dropped all charges against their co-defendant, another saboteur arrested with them, when she agreed to accept a bind-over in January as the evidence against her was so weak.

On Saturday, 33 people were arrested at a demonstration against the Criminal Justice Act in Maidstone in which several protesters were badly beaten by police, including one man who required stitches to a head wound. A phone poll published today in Kent Today, a local newspaper, found 74% of local people thought Kent police overreact to demonstrations about the Criminal Justice Act.

The Crown is not having a happy time so far with the Criminal Justice Act: the cases against saboteurs arrested in the first few weeks of the Acts implementation are dropping like flies: A timetable of failure:

9th January 1995, Maidstone: charges dropped against Erika Wirrmann in return for her accepting a bind-over. She agreed as she will be leaving the country this month, so the bind-over will be ineffective.

27th January 1995 , Hexham: Dermot Morrow, who was arrested while he was being beaten up by hunt supporters at the Tynedale Foxhunt in November 1994. He is given a conditional discharge on charges of aggravated trespass and an anonymous local resident offers to pay all his costs, as a sign of disgust at the fact he was prosecuted.

27th January 1995, Corby: charges of aggravated trespass are dropped against Nick Penn and another saboteur from Leicester. They had been arrested at the Woodland Pytchley Foxhunt on 12th November 1994 in contravention of an agreement with local police. Inspector Nicholls of Kettering police had told saboteurs they would be allowed to video the hunt but when Nick and his fellow saboteur tried to do so they were arrested. They take the view that the police deliberately broke an agreement, entered into in good faith, in order to intimidate saboteurs and are now taking legal action against Northamptonshire Police. The Criminal Justice Act is simply not working and we anticipate there will be more acquittals, more charges dropped, and that those police forces who seek to use the act in the aggressive and oppressive way that the Kent and Northamptonshire forces have done will be facing a hefty bill for damages with precious little to show in the way of convictions.

Justice?
Brighton's Campaign in Defiance of the Criminal Justice Act

(Taken from) SCH News Issue Fourteen 17 March 1995

CURFEW!

Introducing the electronic ball & chain .. A little black box attached to the ankle or wrist marks the start of new curfew laws in Britain. Home Secretary Michael Howard has announced trials of electronic tagging of 'offenders' which he believes will eventually become the principal community sentence with up to 20,000 orders imposed a year. People will be confined to their homes for between two and 12 hours a day for up to six months. If they move out of the range of a designated telephone the black box will transmit a signal down to a central monitoring centre.

Securicor have 'won' the L1.4M contract for the trials in Manchester, Reading and Norfolk to begin in June. They will be required to consider all violations of a curfew order and take appropriate action. Serious violations would include "being absent from home for more than 24 hours without a reasonable excuse" which would trigger immediate court action - supervised by Securicor (see 'WE SAY'). Other violations include "interference to the monitoring system caused by the actions of others such as pets, children or other householders. Examples could be the disconnection of the power supply or telephone link; the phone repeatedly left off the hook or repeated minor tamperings."

Not only do Securicor have no experience of dealing with offenders, they face huge practical problems. For a kick off, "suppliers" must first attempt to install a telephone if one is not already available but their staff have no legal right of entry to the offender's home and can only visit with consent. Secondly the tags have got to be difficult to remove - it was tried in Nottingham four years ago and was "a complete farce" with people simply removing the box undetected. In the US, where electronic tagging is already in force, 'correction staff' only discovered one woman under a curfew order was dead after two weeks. In addition people with jobs could not be tagged during working hours.

An investigation by the Independent on Sunday has found that a phone helpline set up by the government to tell us about air pollution has been systematically telling porkies. Last year, monitoring stations throughout the UK received 358 breaches of World Health Organisation standards for ozone pollution - but according to the governments "help-line" on 328 of these occasions air quality was "good". What next - an advice line for people worried about disappearing democratic rights with a message repeating "Don't worry, be happy"? No, that would be ridiculous.....

WE SAY...

It's the end of police as we know it. For the first time in the history of British criminal justice private security companies are to be given powers to prosecute offenders as well as organise and supervise their sentences.

The departure is part of the Government's plans for the electronic tagging of offenders but could soon be vastly widened to cover a range of police roles. Group 4 has already made representations to take over running what they term "police custody suites" (in reality: police cells) although they are understood not to be interested in street patrolling.

Alarm bells should be ringing - private security 'on the beat'?! There is no accountable regulation of this industry which now has more personnel (167,000) operating in the UK than police officers (127,328) and which includes firms who already possess dire reputations. Is this the end of the police as we know it? A review by chief constables of police functions which could be taken over by private security companies is expected to be delivered to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, this month. Keep a very, very, careful watch. Also coming soon in Britain 1995: ID CARDS (Green Paper this month); NATIONAL DNA DATABASE (FORCED MOUTH SWABS) (Section 59, CJA); ARBITRARY STOP & SEARCH ('SUS' LAWS) (Section 60, CJA);CHILDREN'S PRISONS (Part I, CJA); BUILDING PRISON SHIPS (Section 100, CJA); BLANKET SPY CAMERAS (incl. Section 163, CJA); MORE FORCED MEDICATION FOR MENTALLY ILL (Supervised Discharge Orders, Mental Health Act amendment); ABOLITION OF RIGHT TO SILENCE (Section 34-38, CJA) .....

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UK Animal Export Struggle Listings

(What we have here is an incomplete listing of actions that have taken place from Jan 95 onward by UK animal activists attempting to halt the live-export of cattle to mainland Europe. (So many actions have occurred that it is nearly impossible to list them all here.) -Information compiled by BEN.

JANUARY

For the second night running (2rd,3rd Jan), the loading of trucks containing sheep for export to mainland europe was prevented by animal rights activists. Around 200 protestors and 100 police were present. Police made claims of protestors using 'gratuitous violence.' However, TV coverage of the events shows protestors smashing the trucks windows and lights, thus preventing them from being able to continue, no violence against people appears to have been used by protestors (not on the TV coverage anyway). The TV does however show police using excessive force in the removal of protestors, large shoves and general disregard for protestors well being. The RSPCA are today to investigate claims by the protestors that some of the animals were already dead.

ROUND ONE TO THE PROTESTERS! BATTLE OF BRIGHTLING-SEA

(info from BBC1 news at 9pm)

Animal rights activists have won the first round in the battle to stop the live export of sheep from the Essex port of Brightling Sea. With massive police presence, over 1000 protesters; including animal rights activists and local people outraged by the trade, succeeded in making the first of an expected four trucks, each containing around 200 sheep. The protest is said to have been mostly peaceful although six arrests have apparently been made. An officer from Essex police was reported as saying that he had never seen so many people from so many different walks of life at a protest. The lorry that was turned back, on the advice of police, is said to be taking the sheep to a nearby farm in order to make another attempt.

MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT LIVE EXPORT.

(based on reports from BBC TV news at 9pm 20th Jan 95) Public opinion has pressured the UK government into doing something. That something has included encouraging our European partners into bringing forward a review of the veal crate procedures. In the UK the veal crate has been banned since the mid 80's. Another side effect of the protests has been the creation of a movement on the continent. Today's shipment of animals from Brightling Sea were meet by a small protest in Belgium. The RSPCA has been placing adverts aimed at raising awareness of the issues in French papers. France is not exactly vegetarian friendly! The protesters at Shoreham have said they will continue their pickets until the trade from the port has defiantly stopped (in 26 days). They will then go a join the protests elsewhere in the country. The victory in Shoreham has boosted resolve and moral for the protesters at Brighling Sea. There is great hope for a knock on effect as a result of the Shoreham Victory. Direct action and public protest does work, these last three weeks prove it! Ben.

Date: Mon Jan 23 1995 Today Brightling Sea protesters claimed a partial victory as the private ports owner said that he is fed up with the trouble caused by the protests and wants to sell the port. Protesters delayed trucks from reaching the port by walking slowly in front of the trucks for two miles. Police allowed this tactic and made 'only' five arrests. In Europe, the UK agricultural minister said that today's talks with the European partners went better than he expected. He said that the days of the veal crate in Europe are numbered. Talks also centered on improved rules in Europe on the length of time that animals can be transported without food, drink and rest. Today saw the start of new rules in the UK which make it a criminal offence to transport live animals without first having lodged details of the trip and provided rest and water etc for the animals at certain intervals.
The war for animal liberation continues...

Date: Fri Feb 10 11:53:50 1995'New tactic tried - looks promising, but failed to stop trucks' (eye witness report) I am going to try and report on today's events at Brightling Sea. It is perhaps rather difficult for me, today is the first day I have seen live 'meat' animals on their way to slaughter and I found it very upsetting. Today was a special day for the campaign against live export. It perhaps represents a turning point in the tactics used by protesters. The protestors started gathering fairly early although the truck were not expected until about 1pm. The plan was to use tactics used by the No-M11-Link-Road campaigners and Greenpeace activists in other countries. The road would be blocked by a tripod made from scaffold poles, erected hastily when the trucks arrived. From the tripod would hang a lone activist while other activists would chain themselves to the uprights and each other. Unfortunately someone grassed up the plan and the location of the equipment. The police removed the poles and the plan was ruined. Who the grass was, we never found out. The tactic of using hardware was still used. A chain of activists was formed across then road. Around their wrists was cord and a 'hook'. They then inserted their arms into steel pipes and hooked on to each others hooks. The ends of the line was passed around a telegraph pole on one side of the road and a road sign on the other. The idea of the steel pipes is to protect the binding and the hooks from being removed or cut by police.

Local residence had parked their cars in the road forming an virtual car park. There were 13 such car parked right across the road. The tires on these cars were let down, but it didn't really help much when they came to being moved. The police 'bounced' the cars out of the way. Many were later towed away and the owners had to pay to recover them. A camper van was amongst the last to be moved. Protesters had filed the van in an attempt to make it very hard to 'bounce'. Unfortunately, someone forgot to lock the back door so everyone was removed before the van was pushed away. A stalemate occurred for some time while police tried to move an elderly woman in a seat. The press and camera men were here in force and the old woman is a well known individual.

The human chain came next. I however had been physically removed by this time and was now back in the middle of the main crowd of protesters, forming a 'sitdown' behind the 'chain. How the chain was broke is a bit of a mystery. It is believed that the police found that they could slide one of the pipe up the protesters arm and managed to cut the binding. (several method exist that would have prevented this: 1. longer pipes that went right up to the peoples armpits, 2. pipes with bars welded into place half way down so that the hooks could be attached there, thus preventing the pipes from being slide) Once the human chain was broken, the police went through the rest of the protesters very quickly. They would step over a row of sitters then police behind would pluck out each person in turn. (It is worth noting that those people that got up of their own free will where not escorted away by police, while those that didn't even put their legs down required three of four policemen to carry them away.

The truck were then bought through. There were seven or eight. All put one were full of sheep, the other was calves. One truck was stacked four layers high! It was very emotional,; I felt helpless to do anything and the animals would lock onto my eyes. Up to now had taken about three to four hours. There had been over a dozen arrest. There must have been in the order of 500 protesters and around 250 police. There were lots of press and TV; including the BBC and the Canadian TV (CBC). (Note: Channel Four news quoted 2000! as the number of protesters!) As the protest reached the port, police tempers flared and one office lashed out at a protester with a punch. Some other incident resulted in an ambulance being called for a protester.

After that the numbers died down, it had been a long day. It then started raining and the sky went dark. Strange, but throughout the protest, the sun had shone, yet before and after, it was pissing down. It is very strange to hear meat eaters chanting for animal rights. I find it difficult to understand how they can continue to be blind to the fact that is their chosen diet that make the trade which they are protesting about. I am sure that many are reconsidering their diet. Although today's tactics did

not work as planned, it seems likely that they will be used again, both at Brightling Sea and at other protests. More people forming more human chains using an improved version of the pipes would work!

Date: Sat May 6 1995 In response to massive demonstrations in the U.K. against the export of livestock to Europe, several ports in Britain banned livestock export. This victory was short-lived. The High Court has ruled that such bans are illegal and that ports must continue with their traffic in animals. The Court said that the port authorities at Coventry Airport, Dover Harbour and Plymouth Docks were "guilty of surrendering to mob rule." The judges said the ban had "potentially devastating consequences for the livestock industry". The ports were criticized for "failing to recognize the dangers of surrendering to the dictates of unlawful pressure groups." "The implications of such surrender for the rule of law can hardly be exaggerated." The judges refused leave to appeal, and the ports are facing substantial claims for damages. The case against Dover was brought by Peter Gilder and Sons, the biggest exporter of live animals to the Continent,with an annual 6.5 million pounds turnover. Mr Gilder described the ruling as "brilliant, fantastic." The judges "advised" protesters "to stop demonstrating." Live animal shipments from Dover have resumed, and a demonstrator was arrested by police who smashed the windows of his car in order to do so. Police are using the Public Order Act, which will allow them the arrest the leaders of any organization that coordinates a protest.

The following are a list of people (often with criminal convictions for cruelty), involved in the UK live export trade:-

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Director
Albert Hall Farms Ltd
Manor House Farm
Strensall,York
YO3 5XS
Telephone:- 01904 451746
Livestock exporter through Shoreham and Coventry. Convicted of offences relating to transport and live export - in one case relating to the transport of a calf for 37 hours.
Fined =A312,000
Exports =A327 million of valves per year.

William Waldergrave
Agriculture Minister
Rookery Farm
Chewton Mendip

Does nothing to stop this trade. Calves from his farm end up in veal crates abroad - a practice banned in this country. His wife has published a recipe book which includes veal recipes.

David Muir
Chowle Farm
Little Coxwell
Faringdon, Oxon
SN7 7SR
Telephone:- 01367 240022
Calf exporter through Coventry.



Richard Coate
Hill Farm
Broomfield
Taunton
Somerset
Telephone:- 01823 451746
Sheep exporter. Convicted of offences relating to exporting sheep to France withoutexport health certificates.
Fined =A32,200

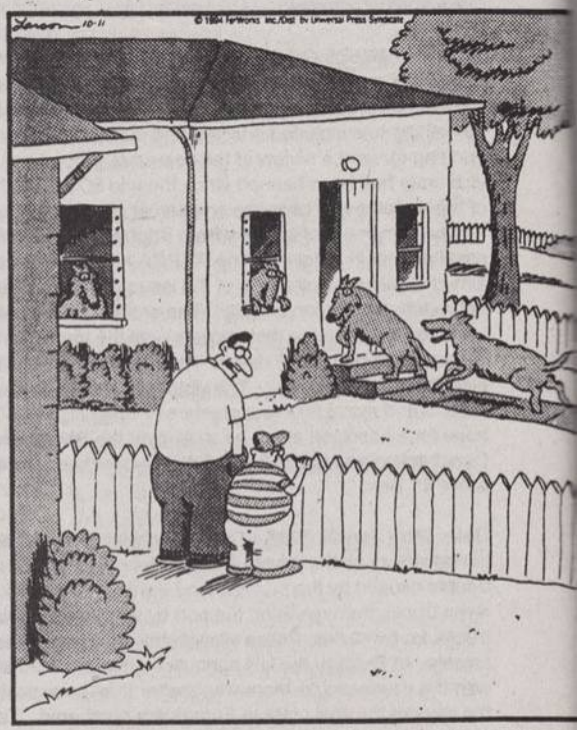
Chris Barrett-Jolley
The Rectory
Frankton
Rugby
Warks

Runs Phoenix Aviation from Coventry Airport - the company whosechartered aircraft is being used to export calves from there.

Roger Mills
New House
Charnwood
Saxstead Road
Framlingham
Woodbridge,Suffolk
IP13 9PT
Telephone:- 01585 249252
Main shipper of livestock through Brightlingsea.

Jean Inizan
Chokeford Farm
Plympton
Nr Plymouth
Devon
Telephone:- 01752 881234
Calf exporter through Plymouth for many years.

The FAR SIDE



"I know you miss the Wainwrights, Bobby, but they were weak and stupid people — and that's why we have wolves and other large predators."

From the Daily Telegraph (Mon. 6,March 1995, p1) UK

Terror Police Target Animal Extremists

By Neil Darbyshlre, Crime Correspondent

ANIMAL RIGHTS extremists, whose increasingly violent campaigns have alarmed chief constables, are to be targeted for the first time by a national police unit to be set up under the direction of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. Cdr David Tucker, head of the branch, is expected to be named as national co-ordinator and the unit sited at his existing London offices.

The decision is a measure of chief constables' fears that violence in support of animal causes is becoming more widespread and better organised.

They are also concerned that such violent protest or quasi-terrorist activity often occurs without warning in remote parts of the country, where the local police may not be fully equipped to cope.

The move is likely to provoke fears within some non-violent animal groups that part of the intention may be to stifle legitimate protest.

Draft terms of reference are still being studied by the Association of Chief Police Officers, but the main task of the anti-terrorist detectives would be to bring to animal extremist cases their investigative skills, gathered over more than 20 years of tackling IRA and international terrorism.

They would help county forces in the recovery of forensic and scientific material from the scenes of explosive or arson attacks and, where necessary, visit forces to give technical advice. Local forces would remain in control of individual inquiries on their territory.

Scotland Yard already houses the animal rights national index, a computer that collates intelligence on animal rights extremists. It contains the names and details of between two and three thousand people who have committed or are suspected of having committed criminal offences.

The computer will remain under the authority of the Special Branch. But Cdr Tucker and his officers would work closely with their Special Branch colleagues, as they already do in many other security policing matters.

Deputy assistant commissioner John Howley, overall head of both the Special Branch and the anti-terrorist branch, told The Daily Telegraph that neither the Special Branch nor the new unit would be interested in the many people who simply turn up to vent their feelings during animal rights protests.

"The people we are interested in are extremists who are prepared to use criminal tactics or commit public order offences to achieve their ends in pursuit of animal rights," he said.

"I want to emphasise that animal rights extremist activity is not terrorism. There is a definition of terrorism contained in the Prevention of Terrorism Act and it is basically the advancement ofpolitical objectives by means of violence with a view to over throwing the government.

'What these sorts of people are indulging in while it is akin to what we would call terrorism or political violence, is not quite on the same level yet. But it could be and requires very similar methods of investigation."

Mr Howley said it would be a mistake to see Cdr Tucker's new role as an extension of his counter terrorism function, despite some similariies in approach.

Special Branch figures show that there were about 800 reported animal extemist offences in England and Wales last year, including the placing or sending of 50 explosive, mostly incendiary, devices.

Apart from 1991, when groups such as the Animal Rights Militia and the Justice Department were at their most active before a number of key arrests, that was the highest total of devices in a single year since reliable recording began in 1986. While no one has yet been killed in an animal related attack, there have been two attemped murders.

There are believed to be fewer than 100 violent activists, many of them more interested in anarchist causes than animals.

"They have latched on to animal rights because there is a lot of public support for it at the moment," Mr Howley said.

"If there was a tremendous national protest about closing post offices, they would probably leap on that bandwagon as well."

Many have been associated with protests over new road developments and the recent Criminal Justice Act demonstrations. They tend to gain their explosives expertise from underground publications such as the Anarchist Cook Book.

Mr Howley said the computer index did not exist to log the details of people simply because they had turned up at a hunt sabotage or anti-veal protest. But some such events were monitored for evidence of serious criminal activity.

"Almost all the people who are in prison now for animal rights extremist activities have come up through that system. You can see their progress over the years and the extremist groups do most of their recruiting from among the people who turn out for these mass protests."

Mr Howley added: "The risk is that you could have Northamptonshire police investigating a store burnt down in their force area, Wiltshire looking at damage to three butchers' shops and sussex investigating some damage to docks without realising that the people who were pulling the strings were the same in each case."

This article has been bought to you by the Daily Telegraph,
Scotland Yard, ARNI and the letters A L and F.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: THE STORY... SO FAR!

On Wednesday 6th October 1993 a package exploded in the sorting office at Watford, Hertfordshire. The police claimed that it was addressed to a person involved in bloodsports and that other devices had been intercepted.

At the time it was thought that it may be the Animal Rights Militia, an attempt at 'dirty tricks' against the animal liberation movement or just a coincidence. Much later the Justice Department claimed that these had been the first wave of their devices and proved the authenticity by listing all the targets; information that the police had never revealed.

Just three weeks and a day later, Thursday 28th October 1993, two animal abusers were injured when parcel bombs detonated at their homes. This was clearly the work of an animal liberation group but, again, no claim of responsibility was made at the time.

Tuesday 23rd November saw everything becoming clearer when the ALF(UK) Press Office received a statement from a new group calling itself the Justice Department. Claiming that it had sent the devices that had caused such a stir on 28th October the statement was accompanied by a video film showing the internal components and construction of a device and its subsequent detonation. No further proof was needed that this new group's claims were both genuine and serious. The statement read:-

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

On the 28th October two animal abusers were injured and given the shock of their pathetic lives when they opened parcel-bombs sent by us. We don't need to explain why these two - Colin French, farm animal abuser, and Christopher Brown, laboratory cat supplier - were targeted, suffice it to say they cause animals to suffer great cruelty, and they deserve it.

In spite of their relatively minor injuries they will now be very much aware we mean business and, were they not our 'guinea pigs' for the testing of our experimental devices, would have been more permanently

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physically injured. This will be the case next time.

We've sat back for years and watched the AR activists ask nicely for all the abuse to stop - the more daring risk their lives and liberty but still the unacceptable number of tortured animals keeps rising.

The torturers become more extreme; they attack and kill their non-violent opponents to. All this without fear of retribution from the authorities and at worst damaged property c/o the ALF, which we wholeheartedly encourage.

On November 15th two much more powerful devices were despatched in search of Arlin Rickard, BFSS p.r.o., and George Murray, Cheshire Beagles hunt master and 'Alan Summersgill benefit fund organiser. In light of the recent parcel bombs sent by the HRS to bloodsport fanatics most are aware of the threat and may well call the police upon receipt of parcels!! Paranoia sets in! The lack of media hysteria suggests we didn't get through but we will. We only have to get lucky once.....

We won't be asking anyone to stop messing with animals and will make no excuses for our violent intervention - they've had it too good for too long. NO MORE TORTURE NO MORE LIES.....

ENDS

The ALF Press Office gave the story, in the first instance, to the Daily Telegraph as the newspaper most likely to go into the homes of animal abusers and most likely to report the facts accurately. The report appeared in the first edition next day and was dropped from all subsequent print runs.
Meanwhile, the statement and video film had been taken into the Cambridge studios of BBC-tv News, again as an exclusive. They made a copy of the video and carried out a lengthy interview with Robin Webb, ALF Press Officer. The news item appeared as the primary story but in the Eastern region only with the video film not being shown at all "on policy grounds" and none of the interview being screened. The copy tape was given to the police that same evening by BBC- tv.

The following months saw the video-cassette devices joined by poster-tube designs and powerful timed incendiaries, most of which received ever-increasing publicity. However, on Wednesday 16th February 1994 the first wave of metal mouse traps primed and fitted with razor blades were sent out. With pieces of razor blade super-glued to the snap bar of the trap it was then primed (set), wrapped in paper and packed in a small Jiffy bag.

This saw the beginning of a real media blackout, possibly because the authorities recognised the first devices as too complicated for many people, while the new mouse-trap devices were within the capability of anyone who could use a catapult or glue a lock.

At about this time the Hight Court announced its decision to overturn the ban introduced by Somerset County Council against the Quantock Staghounds using local authority land. Received by the ALF Press Office on 19th february a communication from the Justice Department made its reaction clear:

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

If our arguments weren't believable before the latest example of political corruption perhaps now there are a few more converts.

80% of the population are opposed to bloodsports; clearly the majority of local councils - which have banned hunting - did so because the majority voted for that, now we're told it's not proper to go with a democratic decision. So be it.

We never had faith in the political system so used direct action to fight the many obscenities inflicted on the animal kingdom, and proved its worth.

Now we hope and anticipate more will join the war being fought by so many good people outside the hopelessness of asking people with nasty habits nicely to stop destroying animals' lives. They insult humanity so deserve to be insulted and humiliated.

They deserve more we think, soon they'll get it. JD and Company.

ENDS

As the JD's campaign continued and increased so solid victories were at last achieved.....

Hyline Rabbits in Cheshire had long been fighting a rearguard action against the Animal Liberation Front with rabbits of all ages being regularly rescued and property being damaged and destroyed. With the device sent to Hyline's owner, Edwin Sutton, during December 1993 and the increased intensity of the ALF's actions both Hyline Rabbits and its sister company Coney Europa announced on Monday 27th June 1994 that they were going into voluntary liquidation.

The 'live exports' trade has seen active campaigning for about forty years during which things have just got worse. The first device from the Justice Department against the trade was despatched on 18th April 1994 with six more following on 3rd June. For the first time in all those years major ferry companies announced that they would no longer be carrying live animals for slaughter.

With such a sudden and unexpected withdrawal of facilities the exporters began frantically trying to find alternative routes through smaller ports and smaller companies. Up and down the country animal rights groups have joined forces with local people who are now outraged enough to take part in campaigns to prevent the trade continuing.

The Justice Department is also continuing the pressure with a device being sent to the manager of Shoreham Port Authority as recently as 20th October. Through the JD there finally seems real hope that this trade will be ended with the help of firm and spirited local and national campaigning.

Following is the complete listing of Justice Department actions to date. They would want everyone to remember what they said at the time of the December 1993 poster-tube devices.....
...It hasn't even started yet. Now is the time to give them everything you've got....

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6th October 1993. The first devices sent by the Justice Department were housed in VHS-size video cassette boxes. One device detonated and six others were intercepted and "made safe' at the sorting office in Watford, Hertfordshire. The targets were:

Frank Evans (Gtr Man) - Matador
G. Jones (S Yorks) - Fell & Moorland Working Terrier Club rep.
J.J Kirkpatrick (Dorset) - Assoc. of Masters of Harriers & Beagles.
P.J Caddy (Cumbria) - Central Committee of Fell Packs.
W.A. Mackenzie (Suffolk) - Coursing Supporters Club.
P. Wild (Berkshire) - Masters of Minkhounds Assoc.
T.I. Whitley (Devon) - Master & Huntsman North Dartmoor Beagles.

28th October 1993. Similar devices were delivered. Both detonated when opened. The targets were:-
Colin French (Bucks) - Farmer.
Christopher Brown (Oxon) - Breeder of cats for laboratories.

17th November 1993. Another video delivered to :-
George Murray (Cheshire) Master of Cheshire Beagles.

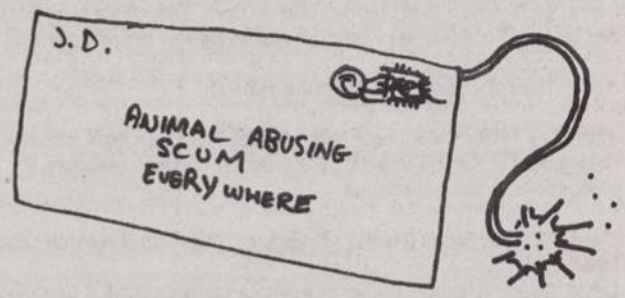
18th November 1993. Again, a video device delivered to: -
Arlin Rickard (Cornwall) West country PRO for the BFSS.

24th November 1993. Video-type device delivered to: -
Leo Sawrij (W Yorks) Swalesmoor Mink Farm.

30th November 1993. Video devices, the first one of which detonated, delivered to: -
Haydon Noble (London) - Noble Furs.
Rosalie Noble (London) - Noble Furs.

21st and 22nd December 1993. The first wave of poster-tube devices, each with six hypodermic needles packed in with the explosive materials. A claim was made that, as AIDS had apparently been created in a laboratory, some HIV-infected blood had been stolen and may be used in the future to return the virus to the vivisection community responsible for its creation. The targets were:-

Mark Matfield (London) - Research Defence Society.
Edwin Sutton (Cheshire) - Hylyne Rabbits.
W.H. Mellor (Gtr Man) - H.G. Rabbitry, Oldham.
Harlan Porcellus (E Sussex) - Guinea pig breeders, Cross-in-Hand.
E.D.S. (Surrey) - Publish a directory of animal suppliers.
Peter Savage (W Sussex) - Shamrock Farms/Vet Diagnostics.
Chas Gentry (Her & Worc) - Consort of Ross-on-Wye, beagle breeders.
Terry Hornett (Herts) - Glaxo breeding unit & FIAT Council.
Phil Ruddock (Surrey) - Editor of IAT Bulletin/Lillico feed sup.
Louise Philips (Hants) - Selborne Biological Services.
D. Hall (Staffs) - Guinea pig breeders, Burton-upon-Trent.
Colin Blakemore (Oxon) - Well-known blinder of kittens.
FELASA (London) - Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Association.



24th December 1993. The third type of device, a powerful timed incendiary, was placed in thee Boots store, Northampton:
Boots (Northants) - Boots the Chemist, Nothants.

28th December 1933. Two more timed incendiaries:-
Boots (Cornwall) - Boots the Chemist, Bodmin.
Boots (Cornwall) - Boots the Chemist, Liskeard.

29th December 1993. Another powerful timed incendiary:-
Boots (Corwall) - Boots the Chemist, Helston.

2nd February 1994. The first elaborate hoax devices sent by the Justice Department. Based on the video cassette design. Reason given for using hoax packages was "Operative devices won't get through to even the dumbest just now". The targets were:

Terry Bambridge (Herts) - Enfield Chace hunt.
Lt Cdr D.C. Douglas (W Sussex) - Point to Point Sec: Chiddingfold, Deconfield and Cowdray hunt.
Mrs S.J. Ashby (Beds) - Jt Master: Herts South Beagles.

16th February 1994. Powerful metal mousetraps primed and fitted with razor blades on the snap bar, allegedly contaminated with the stolen HIV-infected blood (see 21st and 22nd December 1993). Sent to:

Dr Palmela Mullins (Cambs) - Huntingdon Research Centre vet.
Dr Harley Farmer (Cambs) - Ichor Ltd vet.
Georgina Watson (N Yorks) - Leeds University.
Brian Cass (N Yorks) - Director, Hazelton contract Testing Services.
Tony Rollings (Northants) - Director, Biotech.
Gordon Houston (Notts) - Managing Director, Boots the Chemist.
Terry Richardson (Notts) - Managing Director, Boots Pharmaceutical.
Nicholas Green (W Midlands) Vivisectionist at Birmingham University.
Michael Keighley (Warks) - Vivisectionist at Birmingham University.
David Cooper (E Sussex) - Director, Shamrock Farm.

7th April 1984. Two video-type devices delivered, the second to show that the chant "Human freedom, animal rights: one struggle, one fight" isn't just empty rhetoric:

Boots (Cambs) - Boots the Chemist, Cambridge.
BNP headquarters (Gtr London) - British National Party HQ.

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18th April 1994. Two more video-type devices were sent. The second, which detonated in Coventry sorting office, was claimed as "the first wave of a new campaign against live exports":

Michael head (E Sussex) - Badger baiter featured on Channel 4 TV.
W. Gilder (Glos) - Member of prominent "live exports" family, this one lives at Winchombe.

30th April 1994. A Justice Department hoax call cleared Boots huge store in Plymouth together with neighbouring businesses including McDonald's. City centre closed off for several hours. McDonald's didn't reopen until 4.00pm. This was a busy Saturday on May Bank Holiday weekend. No device was actually placed:

Boots (Devon) - Boots the Chemist, Plymouth.

12th May 1994 Fifteen mousetrap devices fitted with razor blades were despatched to various targets; 10 vivisection, 2 puppy breeders, 2 bloodsports, 1 slaughterhouse:

Days of Torbay farms (Hants) - Breeds for Wickham Research Laboratories.
David Walker (Hants) - Owner of Animal Pharmaceutical & toxicology, formerly vet at Wickham.
SBS (Hants) Selborne Biological Services, breeds large animals for use in serum production.
Froxfield Farms (Hants) - Breeds rabbits, ferrets, rats mice etc.
Paul West (E Sussex) - Vet at Shamrock Farm.
Andy Bradwell (W Sussex) - Manager, Shamrock Farm.
S Grinyer (W Sussex) - Shamrock Farm employee.
William Cartmell (Hants) - Owner of Wickham Research Laboratories.
J Worrow (E Sussex) - Shamrock Farm employee.
Paddy Edwards (Hants) - Manager, Wickham Research Laboratories.
Deborah Dowset (Hants) - Owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels, formerly the notorious Cottagepatch.
N Scarr/D Witcher (Hants) - Nicola Scarr owns the other 50% of Garetmar. David Witcher works at Garetmar and is Scarr's live-in boyfriend.
Nick fawcett (W Sussex) - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray hunt.
Michael Head (E Sussex) - Badger baiter, see 18th April.
P Humphrey (Hants) - Webb's Poultry, also hunting.

27th May 1994. What is believed to have been a video-type device of slightly different construction to those previously used was left on a doorstep. Subsequently the RAF bomb disposal unit detonated it by "controlled explosion":- Genus (Northants) - Artificial insemination company, Moulton.

3rd June 1994. Six poster-tube devices delivered to targets involved in the 'live export trade'. These devices lacked the hypodermic needles used in the earlier tubes but had a greater explosive capability.
Stena Sealink (Kent) - Head office of ferry company.
Ross Breeeders (Lothian) -Poultry breeder HQ near Edinburgh.
Pig Improvement Co (Oxon) - Fyfield Wick, near Oxford.
Cherry Valley Farm (Lincs) - Breeds much for export, near Rothwell.
Graham Gilder (Glos) - The infamous family, see 7th April. This one is at Elmstone Hardwicke.
Gilder Haulage (Glos) - The same family. This time based at Bourton-on-the-Water.

15th July 1994. The third wave of mousetrap devices fitted with razor blades are mailed out; 9 vivisection, 3 hunt, 2 puppy breeders, 1 slaughterhouse:-
Porton Products (Wilts) - Contracts testing to Wickham Research Labs.
HMC (MFg Chemist) (Tayside) - Contracts testing to Wicham Research Labs.
Roche Products (Herts) - Contracts testing to Wickham Research Labs.
Pitman Moore Ltd (Grt London) - Contracts testing to Wickham Research Labs.
Penn Pharmaceutical (Bucks) - Contracts testing to Wickham Research labs.
*Deborah Dowsett (Hants) - Owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels.
*Nicola Walker (Hants) - Owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels.
*David Walker (Hants) - Owner of APT, formerly vet at Wickham.
*Simon Day (Hants) - Torbay Farm, breeds for Wickham.
*Nicholas Fawcett (W Sussex) - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray hunt.
D Hunt (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon hunt.
*P Humphreys (Hants) - Webb's Poultry/Hursley Hambledon hunt.
*James Philips (Hants) - Froxfield Farm; breeds for vivisection.
Webb's Country Foods (Hants) - Chicken slaughterhouse.
*William Cartmell (Hants) - Owner of Wickham Research Laboratories claimed that Cartmell "also got a little bit extra".
* See also target for 12th May 1994; these appear to have been repeats.

28th July 1994. Powerful incendiaries destroy speedboat kept on a trailer which had been subjected to regular damage attacks by the ALF. Four hoax devices were also sent out at the same time. The speedboat was destroyed at:-
*Garetmar Kennels (Hants) - Formerly Cottagepatch.

Hoax devices sent to: -
*Nicholas Fawcett (W Sussex) - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt.
*David Walker (Hants) - Owner of Animal Pharmaceutical Toxicology, formerly vet at Wickham.
*D Hunt (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt Kennels.
Hunt kennels (W Sussex) - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt kennels at Petworth.
* See also 12th May 1994 and 15th July 1994.

6th August 1994. Twelve powerful incendiaries planted at a livestock haulage company. It had been intended to damage buildings as well but more vehicles and two rigid lorries were severely damaged. One £30,000 vehicle completely burnt out:-
J T Padbury (Northants) - Livestock haulage company.

22nd August 1994. Letter bomb delivered to a manufacturer of animal traps. Police refused to give the name of the target to local media but it appeared eventually in the Sunday Times. No claim was received and it is not known whether any other devices were despatched at the same time to other targets. It is fairly certain that this was a JD action:-
William Stedman (Cheshire) - Manufactures animal traps, BFSS member.

9th September 1994. Hoax devices placed at a hunt kennels and at a public house used by the hunt. These may have been placed the previous day:-
*Hunt kennels (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt Kennels.
Bucks Head (Hants) - Public house in Meonstoke.
* See also 12th May, 15th July and 28th July 1994.

12th September 1994. New group announced as an offshoot of the Justice Department; AC/DC (Anti-Carmell & Dowsett Campaign) formed to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the SEALL's "Wickham 19". Powerful incendiary devices were placed under two cars. The one placed under Walker's vehicle is known to have detonated, destroying the target vehicle:-
*David Walker (Hants) - Owner of Animal Pharmaceutical & Toxicology.
*Paddy Edwards (Hants) - Manager, Wickham Research Laboratories.
* See also 12th May, 15th July and 28th July 1994.

20th October 1994. Mousetraps feature again as 13 are delivered, primed and fitted with razor blades. A further 19 letters are booby-trapped with razor blades. The mousetrap devices were sent to: -
*Bucks Head, Meonstoke (Hants) - Public House used by Hursley Hambledon Hunt.

*P Humphreys (Hants) - Webb's Poultry/Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
*D Hunt (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
J Beechinoor (W Sussex) - Shamrock Farm.
V Villiers (W Sussex) - Chidingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray Hunt.
C Bishop (Hants) - Wickham Research Laboratories.
*Days of Torbay Farm (Hants) - Breeds for Wickham Research Laboratories.
P Lacey (W Sussex) - Shorham Port Authority Manager, subject of 'Live Exports Campaign.
L Ford (E Sussex) - Shamrock Farm.
*P Philips (Hants) - Froxfield Farm; breeds for vivisection.
*N Fawcett (W Sussex) - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt.
T Welburn (E Sussex) - Shamrock Farm.
K Coker (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt.

The razor blade letters were sent to: -
*Shamrock Farm (W Sussex) - The infamous primate supply establishment.
V Hall (W Sussex) - Shamrock Farm.
*William Cartmell (Hants) - Owner of Wickham Research Laboratories.
*Paddy Edwards (Hants) - Manager, Wickham Research Laboratories.
*David Walker (Hants) - Owner of APT, formerly vet at Wickham.
*Nicola Scarr (Hants) - Owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels.
*Deborah Dowsett (Hants) - Owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels.
*Hunt Kennels (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt Kennels.
Claredon Estate (Wilts) - Used by Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
The Shoe, Exton (Hants) - Public House used by Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
Mr Rousell (Hants) - New Farm, Exton; supports Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
Mr Wallace(Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
Mr Bingham (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
D Grey (Hants) - Webb's Poultry.
K Webb (Hants) - Webb's Poultry.
Spread Eagle, Midhurst (W Sussex) - Public House used by Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt.
J Stoner (W Sussex) - Shamrock Farm.
*Paul West (E Sussex) - Vet for Shamrock Farm.
T Richards (Hants) - Hursley Hambledon Hunt.
* See also 12th May, 15th July, 28th July, 9th September and 12th September 1994. In addition to those marked * see also 21st/22nd December 1993 and 16th February 1994.

14th November 1994. An escalation as rat-traps primed and fitted with razor blades are sent to two prominent targets in a display of the anger felt at the continuation of
hunting and the introduction of the Criminal Justice Act to curtail lawful protest. The devices were despatched to:

Michael Howard (Grt London) - The Home Secretary, Westminster.
Prince Charles (Norfolk) - The Royal Estate, Sandringham.

22nd November 1994. The Justice Department decide to set up in the Irish Republic. Hearing that Captain Mark Philips was visiting that country to hunt and bearing in mind claims that "there is no opposition to hunting there" they sought to prove otherwise. Devices of an unidentified type were sent to the hunts which were to play host. Later comments from on of the hunts to sabs at a later date indicate that something certainly got through. The JD also "advised Captain Mark Philip to go home ASAP". Devices were sent to:
North Galway Hunt - (Co Galway) - Hunt in the Republic of Ireland.
Galway Blazers (Co Galway) - Hunt in the Republic of Ireland.

NEWS FROM FINLAND

Some very daring animal liberation actions have taken place in Finland this year, including the liberation of over 600 foxes from various fur farms throughout the west of the country by three 19 year old women. The following letter was sent to* Underground *by one of the activists, Mia Salli, who was arrested along with two others by Finnish police for the actions:

Hello!
I want to tell you animal liberation greetings from Finland! As you know, Finland is the biggest fur breeder of foxes. Just now it's bigger news here than ever before. I'm one of three 19 year old girls who liberated about 600 foxes from fur farms at the end of May this year. We visited for fox farms in Western Finland. We just opened the doors of cages. We were very quiet, we didn't frighten, harass or touch any fox. They made their own decision about coming out and being free.

We are long time animal rights activists. For example, I've been already for years a kind of coordinator in different groups active against animal abuse. I've arranged events, demonstrations, support concerts and so on. Work for animal rights has always been the most important part of my life. I've been vegetarian since I was 7 years old and now I'm vegan. I've always been interested in fighting against other problems also - for human rights, original citizens, individual freedom, environmental things. I believe that these problems are parts of bigger totalities. Animal liberation and human rights aren't opposites. They are all the same fight.

We thought it was really time now to get fox farming under discussion and in the news in Finland. There is now a new animal protection law being prepared in Finnish national Parliament. Proposition of new law isn't almost at all better than old law about fur farming. We want that fur farming of foxes will be refused. And of course our main motivation of liberations was to give possibilities to live free for foxes as individuals who lived in terrible conditions.

We didn't do any vandalism. Ok, we sprayed some slogans to farming buildings which are just old boards but that's all. However, we couldn't believe the reaction of the media. It was absolutely terrible. There were fur farmers interviewed everywhere. They could say whatever they wanted without any criticisms from the media. It was the main news on TV news programs for two days, on the radio, in every newspaper, in every magazine... They called us terrorists, murderers, vandals, torturers of animals and so on. They claimed that we'd bothered foxes, made noises so much that foxdams were killing their cubs in very great numbers and that some dams had miscarriages. They also exaggerated numbers of liberated foxes. For example, one of them said that we had opened 350 cages, when it was really we only opened 70 on his farm. They also claimed acts of vandalism that we didn't do.

We knew fur farming in Finland is the kind of livelihood which receives lots of support money from the state and good media (because advertising of furs is big income to newspapers) and is almost the main source of livelihood in some pats of Western Finland. E.g. a little town called Uusikaarlepyy (there we liberated foxes from two farms) has got most of the fur farms in all of Finland. There is 7000 inhabitants and 400 fur farms in town. So we knew to expect negative reactions about the liberations - but not ever so negative. Also Finland's biggest animal protection group, Animalia, has judged the liberations, calling them "dastardly" in the news.

LIBERATION NEWS FROM FINLAND

That was the situation after our liberations in June. Then it all happened. Early one morning at the start of July, seven policemen came to my house while I was taking a shower. They started a house-search which took many hours in my little one room flat. They took me with them - to police- examination as they said. Then I was in the main criminal station, where they put me under arrest. I didn't tell anything in examinations and that's why after my legal arresting time (3 days in Finland) they wanted to get me as an "examination-prisoner." I had a so-called lawsuit about it in Western Finland, and they decided to put me in for one week more at the police prison as an isolation prisoner. I was in a little cell in total isolation - it was a very hard time.

Just before a second lawsuit about my being held in prison, my friend Minna Salonen was arrested and later put in prison also. I soon found out that the third girl of us who lives in Western Finland (we two are from the capital) told the whole story to the police and was then not arrested or anything. In addition, she told lots of lies about us and the liberations. She tried to clear herself of the actions to avoid sentencing herself. She tells incredible lies like she has been just the driver and that I was a kind of leader in the liberations.

After a difficult lawsuit to get free, Minna and I started very actively to take the truth to the media. We arranged a press conference where we told facts about farming foxes in Finland and what we really did in the farms. Believe me, it's very hard to get out only a little positive reaction in the media about our actions. but the press conference was a success. After that there was news in every newspaper, TV and radio program - and it was incredible - the news was absolutely different. We weren't terrorists anymore. News was great. Well, of course already the next day the same media claimed that because our press conference was so well organized there must be some other people or even groups behind us telling us what to do and say.

So, that's the situation now. The truth is -and almost sad- there is not any group behind us. We have to do almost all the work alone. Of course there are some other animal rights activists who try to help, but only a few. Now we have plans to create a support group ourselves and to tour the largest Finnish towns in August to tell about conditions in fur farms and what we did.

It seems that lawsuits about the liberations will begin at the earliest at the end of September or October. It will be a hard lawsuit because this is a so-called precedent in Finnish law. The lawsuit will be in a little town in Western Finland where fur farming is the main source of livelihood. All the people there, including the judge and lay members of the court, have something to do with the fur trade. They want hard sentences for us. there are predictions even about quite long absolute prison sentences.

However, we are hopeful because now there are more discussions in the media about animal rights than ever before. Maybe we will even have an effect on the new animal protection law. We have discussed it with some political people.

Our ability to work for all of this will be better if we could get all the support possible. We need everything: economic support, materials (investigations, magazines, leaflets and particularly photos and posters about the fur farming of foxes) and letters/ calls etc to the Finnish media from abroad. We need groups, associations and individuals abroad who can speak out against Finnish fur farming.

We also need vets, biologist and leaders of large associations which work against fur farming as witnesses in our lawsuit to tell the facts about fur farming. I hope you can help us in some way - everything is really needed. And please, tell this story to other people ... We can win, but we need your support to do it! Animal rights fighting has to continue here in Finland! Thanks in advance for everything. I'd like hear from you all soon.

FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION
Mia Salli

As the situation currently stands, the police are watching Mia's post, so she is unable to recieve any letters or support money directly. Until we receive word from Mia of an address that can be made public for supporters, we ask that you specifically earmark all letters and donations destined for the Finnish activists, and send them directly to the NA-ALFSG. We will gladly pass them on.

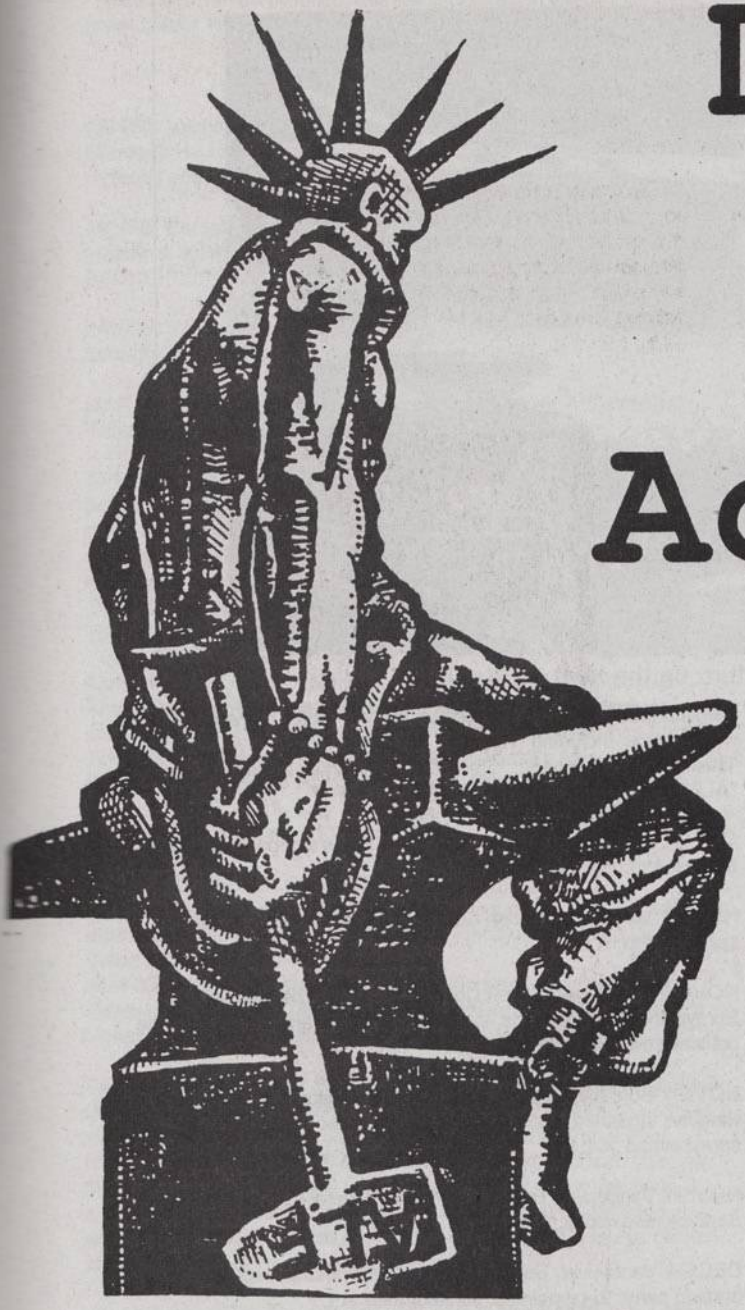


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#2 out already! Lots of up to date clippings, interview about CD, plus more for only $1. #1 is still available for $1 or 2 stamps. #3 should be out in 2-3 months. Send to: P.O.Box 6845 Syracuse, NY 13217

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TORONTO



Diary of Actions

California: 77+. ALF, ALF Stockton Unit, ALF Golden Gate Unit, ALF Southland Unit, ALF November 26 Cell, Crustacean Liberation Front, Farm Animal Revenge Militia active.
Colorado: 3+. Paint Panthers active.
District of Columbia: 5+. ALF active.
Georgia: 1+. Unclaimed.
Indiana: 3+. ALF active.
Illinois: 1+. Paint Panthers active.
Kentucky 1+. Unclaimed.
Maryland: 9+. ALF active.
Michigan: 1+. Unclaimed.
Minnesota: 7+. ALF active.
Missouri: 2+. Paint Panthers active.
Nebraska: 1+. Paint Panthers active.
New Jersey: 2+. Unclaimed.
New York: 10+ ALF, Paint Panthers active.
Ohio: 6+. ALF, Paint Panthers active.
Oregon: 1+. ALF active.
Pennsylvania: 6+. ALF active.
South Dakota: 2+. Unclaimed.
Tennessee: 11+ ALF active.
Utah: 3+. Vegan Revolution active.
Washington: 3+. Paint Panthers active.
Wisconsin: 5+. ALF active.
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Totals: At least 171 actions in 23 states, D.C., and 1 province.

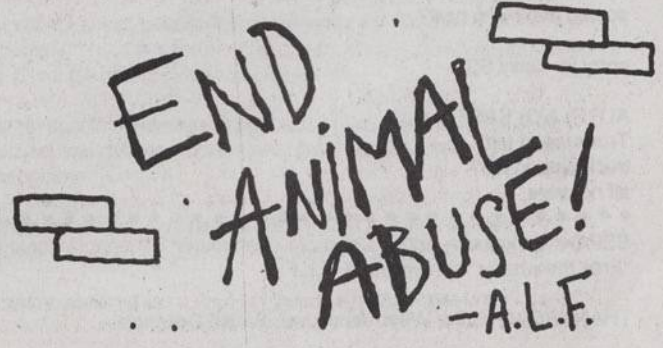
This increase in actions since mid 1993 corresponds to anincrease in actions across Europe, which has seen numerous arsons, break ins, and smaller attacks across the continent, and in England, where the already high level of actions increased with tens of millions of pounds of damages and scores of bombings and arson attacks in 1994.

Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from other publications, the internet, or communiques sent to animal rights groups.

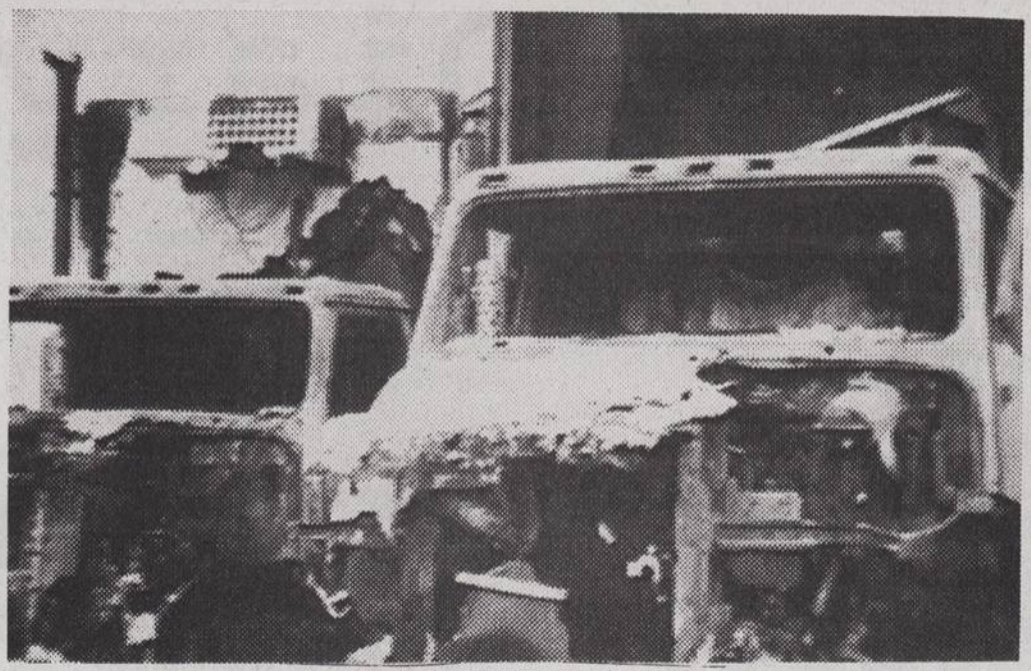
As we reported in the last issue, it seems that the Animal Liberation Front, which made headlines in the 1980's with scores of lab break-ins in California and the east coast, has changed tactics and spread to many other areas of the U.S.

Since around the middle of 1993, a flood of small actions concentrated against the meat and fur trades have taken place at the rate of 8-15 a month. A state/province breakdown for 1994 alone from reported actions is as follows:

Arizona: At least 1 action. Unclaimed.
Arkansas: 2+ Animal Liberation Front active.
British Columbia: 6+. ALF, Animal Rights Militia active.



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New York A.L.F. turn up the heat

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN TIME PERIODS COVERED IN _UNDERGROUND_ #1 AND #2, BUT WERE NOT REPORTED UNTIL RECENTLY. SOME ACTIONS ARE NOT LISTED BEYOND MAY '95, EVEN THOUGH MORE ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE MAY. WE DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL ACTIONS TO OCTOBER '95 AS OF YET. ALL COMMUNIQUES WERE SENT ANONYMOUSLY TO THE SG.

AUSTRALIA

SEP 7/94: Victoria - Happy Hens Egg World: 12 sick hens rescued, 9 dead hens removed and delivered to Minister for Agriculture. Animal Liberation Investigation Unit (A.L.I.U.)

CANADA

1993: Guelph, Ontario - Red Lobster: Windows smashed; "Killing the oceans to feed your greed", "Meat is murder", "Red Lobster - Rapists of the sea" painted on building.

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given to the media.
THIS IS NO PRANK Ignore this warning and you will be accountable. Nobody eats the turkeys, nobody gets hurt.
Animal Rights Militia
ARM

JAN/95: Vancouver, British Columbia - Vancouver Aquarium billboard: Hacked down with saw. The billboard had just been replaced after being spraypainted by the A.L.F. in September. A.L.F.

JAN/95: Burnaby, British Columbia - Kensington Meats: Windows smashed. Hit #2. According to the communique, "WE'LL BE BACK!!!!!!!!!!". A.L.F.

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JAN/95: Vancouver, British Columbia - Friendly Meats: Rocks thrown through front window. A.L.F.

MAR/95: Vancouver, British Columbia - Fish market, Meat market: Windows shattered. A.L.F.

APR 13/95: Guelph, Ontario - Guelph Fashion Furs: "Fur is Dead" painted on main windows. In the past this shop has had windows smashed; twice the two-story side wall was covered in red paint splashes, requiring extensive re-painting.

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COMMUNIQUE
The Justice Department Arrives in Canada

April 24, 1995.....In commemoration of World Day for Laboratory Animals, we sent a razor blade mouse trap device to the workplace of scumbag, Dick Johl, the director of Simon Fraser University's Animal Torture Facility. We let him know that as soon as he loses his fingers, the sooner the animals will stop suffering.

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COMMUNIQUE
June 19, 1995
GUIDE OUTFITTER FIREBOMBED
In the early morning hours of June 19, several commandos of the Earth Liberation Army attacked the main camp of BC Guide Outfitter Volker Scherm
(604-837-3538). The camp, situated on the west shore of Lake Revelstoke, consisted of two cabins for Scherm's outfitting operation Monashee Outfitting. Both cabins were firebombed.

Trophy hunting is one of the most despicable practices carried out by the human species, and the Earth Liberation Army intends to do their utmost to put an end to it. Guide outfitters are nothing more than hired assassins, pimps of the hunting world. Volker Scherm charges $8.030.00 for the death of a Grizzly Bear; $6,820.00 for the death of a Black Bear, $5,445.00 for the deaths of a Mountain Goat, Moose and Deer, $4,620.00 for the deaths of a Cougar and Deer. His clients are mostly from Germany, Sweden, and the U.S.

We ask you... Which is more valuable to this planet Earth... the lives of beautiful animals or the property of those who kill them?
We decided to attack Volker Scherm and Monashee Outfitting partly because of his use of dogs for hunting Black Bear and Cougar; dogs which he glorifies in breeding and pimping to other hunters, and which he
takes particular delight in using to chase and terrorize these wild animals.

The Earth Liberation Army issues this warning: Anyone doing business in the massacre of wild animals, as well as those in related industries, are "fair game". We will not rest until the war against Earth ceases. End trophy
hunting now!
E.L.A.
AUG/95:Vancouver/Victoria: Windows smashed at 6 Starbucks Coffee shops in Vancouver and 1 in Victoria. "Stop supporting the death of animals or it will get worse!" -A.L.F.

AUG/95: Burlington, Ontario: REPORT - When numerous complaints from neighbours failed to get action against a family of animal abusers, two or more unknown animal liberation activists took matters into their own hands, showing the Humane Society how it's done. Ontario laws essentually ties the hands of Humane Societies and animal welfare groups, who are unable to prosecute animal abusers unless they are caught red-handed by H.S. Officers. At worse, convicted abusers are told they can't have animals for one year (no list of convicted abusers exists to prevent them from buying/ stealing animals again to abuse). Well, frustrated neighbours were sick and tire of seeing and hearing an entire family torture and abuse a young kitten and a Yorkshire terrier cross (including beatings with brooms, an unbrella and torture with plastic bags being tied around the animal's heads), and word went out asking for help. On Sunday, August 6, at aprox 1pm in the afternoon, 2 activists knocked on the door. Having observed the family and investigating their background, the two female activists gained the wife's confidence as they spoke through the door, stating they had a message to pass on from an old friend. When the door opened, the two women burst in, dressed in very offical uniform-like clothing. The reportedly stated "We are confiscating your animals. Call the police if you want, we'd be more than happy to talk to them about how you've tortured these animals." The two liberationists took the animals and walked out in broad daylight. When the husband later returned, the police were called in to investigate. Out of an entire apartment building of hundreds of residents, nobody would talk to the police, except to express their happiness at what had happened!
Both animals are now in happy, loving homes. The dog, Paddington, has been neutered, but is unfortunately not well, having suffered medical complications due to the abuse. A.L.F. (?)

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SEPT 15/95: Sutton, Ontario - A conference hosted by furriers hoping to form a new Canadian furriers federation was targetted at the Sutton Arena. Trappers arrived to the words "NO FUR" and an entire bucket load of blood-red paint splashed on the side of the arena. The public was invited to attend the conference on Saturday, and it is unlikely the furrier scum had time clean it all up before people arrived. A.L.F.

CZECH REPUBLIC

1995: Brno - Vivisection laboratory: Window smashed. A.L.F.

1995: Brno - Fur stores: Splashed with red paint; locks glued. A.L.F.

1995: Vyskov, near Brno - Circus vans: Tires slashed; one van turned on its side. A.L.F.

1995: Vyskov, near Brno - One hunting platform: Destroyed. A.L.F.

ENGLAND

date not specified: Petworth - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt: Tires slashed on 15 hunt vehicles; video recorder broken.

date not specified: Petworth - Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt: Three hunt vehicles trashed.

date not specified: location not specified - Sally Baker, Chiddingfold hunt supporter: Wheel nuts removed from horse trailer. The wheel fell off but there were no injuries.

date not specified: Hants - Philip Lacey, Shoreham Port Manager: Received over 150 unsolicited goods and services; recipient of two hoax bombs.

date not specified: near Launceston - H. R. Jasper's abbatoir: Destroyed by fire. Thousands of pounds of damage.

JUL/94: Lower Upham - Torbay Farm: Incendiary device left. A.L.F.

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JUL/94: Droxford - Kings Head, hunt supporters' pub: Incendiary device left. A.L.F.

AUG 17/94: Jersey - Zoo visitors' centre: roof covered in gasoline, set alight; approx. $650,000 damage (a briefer version of this was reported in *Underground #2*).

AUG 22/94: Howard Davis Farm artificial insemination centre: $12,000 damage caused by smoke bomb.

AUG 23/94: Lewes - Fur, Feathers 'n Fins (pet store selling exotic animals): Kitten liberated and rehomed.

SEP/94: Hants - Hursley & Hambledon Hunt Kennels: Two small barns set on fire. A.L.F.

SEP/94: location not specified - Hursley & Hambledon Hunt cheese and wine event: Hoax bomb call prompted evacuation of building. A.L.F.

SEP 9/94: Hants - Hursley and Hambledon Hunt Kennels, public house used by the hunt: Hoax devices left. Justice Department

SEP 12/94: Hants - David Walker, Owner of APT/former partner, Wickham Labs; Paddy Edwards, Manager of Wickham of labs: Powerful incendaries
totally destroyed their cars outside their homes. Justice Department: Anti-Cartmell/Dowsett* Campaign (AC/DC)

*: NOTES ON AC/DC: William Cartmell is the owner of Wickham labs; Deborah Dowsett owns 50% of Garetmar Kennels. AC/DC was apparently formed to mark the 10th anniversary of the arrest of 19 activists during a raid at Wickham Animal Research Laboratories (the SEALL 19).

SEP 24/94: Whitechurch Farm, Stoneaton - Tom Osborne, Mendip Farmers Hunt Club: Hit with a spiked club, acid squirted in his face. Taken to hospital, no
serious injury.

SEP 24/94: location not specified - The 8th Earl of Yarborough: Attacked en route to a hunt meet. Nine activists smashed his Mercedes' windows and dented the car. Hunt Retribution Squad

OCT/94: location not specified: William Cartmell, owner of Wickham Labs: Driveway covered in animal shit. A.L.F.

OCT 20/94: Various locations - Justice Department 13 mousetraps primed with razor blades (see report on Justice Department for details)

NOV/94: Small Dole, near Henfield - Shamrock Farm (holding centre for animals used for vivisection): Hoax bomb left on a road leading to the farm. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Hampshire - Car of William Cartmell, owner of Wickham Labs: Paintstripped; tires slashed; windows etched.

NOV/94: Shoreham, Sussex - Texaco Oil Refinery at Shoreham port: Incendiary left as "a warning to show what could happen if live exports are not banned". A.L.F.

NOV/94: Southwick, Sussex - Lacy & Middlemiss Ltd, agents that arrange Shoreham shipping schedules: Claim that incendiary has been planted. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Small Dole, Sussex - Shamrock Farm: Incendiary device ignited. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Coventry, West Midlands - Christopher Barret-Jolley, managing director of Phoenix Aviation (transports live animals): Recipient of death threats, nuisance phone calls, death threats against family, threats to damage Phoenix planes; house daubed in slogans.

NOV 14/94: Greater London - Michael Howard, Home Secretary; Norfolk - Prince Charles: Rat traps primed with razor blades sent to both targets "in display of the anger felt at the continuation of hunting and the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill". Justice Department

NOV 19/94: Good Easter, near Chelmsford - Essex Hunt: One policeman kicked unconscious; one policeman's arm broken during clashes between hunt sabbers and police. One sabber was taken to hospital with head injuries.

DEC/94: location not specified - Upham Village Hall: The night before the hall was to host a Hursley & Hambledon Hunt social event, the building was spraypainted with anti-hunt slogans; windows etched; locks glued; hoax bomb left. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Chiddingfold, Hampshire - Chiddingfold Fox Hunt Kennels; Chiddingfold Fox Hunt security manager's home: Sophisticated incendiaries discovered in both locations.

DEC/94: Southern England - Boots: Shoplifted items donated to animal protection charity shops.

DEC/94: Coventry, West Midlands - Christopher Barret-Jolley, managing director of Phoenix Aviation (transports live animals): Recipient of further phone calls, death threats.

DEC/94: Coventry, West Midlands - Truck that transported live animals: All ten tires slashed. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Fernhurst, Sussex - Meat truck: Coated in brake fluid. A.L.F.

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS/94: Shoreham, West Sussex - Shoreham Harbour (site of live exports): Hoax bomb left on a ferry. A.L.F.

DEC 28/94: location not specified: David Boulter, South Dorset Fox Hunt kennel-huntsman - "Attacked someone's fist with his nose whilst out hunting."

JAN/95: Shoreham, West Sussex - Trucks carrying cows and calves: Windscreens smashed; lights smashed; lines cut; rocks and other objects thrown through windows during protest against live exports. At least one $250,000 truck completely destroyed.

JAN/95: Exeter, Devon - Roadsigns leading to and from A30 (road leading to Plymouth docks, site of live exports): Painted with anti-live export slogans.

JAN/95: Chewton Mendip, Somerset - William Waldegrave, Agriculture Minister: Recipient of letter containing a razor blade. Second razor blade letter sent to Waldergrave via Westminster.

JAN/95: Lancing, Sussex - Four butchers: Windows etched. A.L.F.

MID-JAN/95: Plymouth, Devon - Richard Otely (farmer who organizes live exports from Plymouth docks): Incendiary left on doorstep; house covered in paint.

From AR-News, Jan 26: "The latest Weekly Telegraph from the UK has two items of interest. One concerns Auberon Waugh, the offensive columnist who is apparently in favour of cruelty to animals and who writes that Americans stink and are infested with diseases. He has had his house burgled; jewellery and other effects to the value of 25,000 pounds were stolen. One can but hope the burglar was some smelly diseased American animal rights terrorist."

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JAN 21/95: Essex - Police left standing as saboteurs stop bloodsports across Essex. Hunt Saboteurs today effectively imposed a blanket ban on bloodsports in Essex. In a well-coordinated and sophisticated operation, nearly 100 saboteurs reduced three foxhunts and a pheasant shoot in locations across the county to a shambles, forcing all of them to pack up early in disarray.

Saboteurs hit the Essex Farmers' & Union Foxhunt meet at the Fox and Hounds, Tillingham; the Essex & Suffolk Foxhunt meet at Tendring Lodge; the Essex Foxhunt meet at Hatfield Broadoak; and a pheasant shoot at Bradwell. Saboteurs took effective action to ensure that no animals were killed at any of the locations and by 2 p.m. all the hunts and the shoot had given up: Essex was a bloodsports-free zone and saboteurs claimed victory.

Meanwhile, Essex police were caught entirely off-guard and were forced into a humiliating climbdown from their previous hardline policy against anti-hunt protesters as their command system more or less collapsed. Previous anti-hunt protests in Essex have been dealt with by the same hardline tactics that have caused such outrage in Brightlingsea this week, with mass arrests and saboteurs being beaten by police. On this day, however, Essex police seemed bewildered by the tactic of hitting all across the county and struggled to cope as reports came in from all across the county. Police coverage of the hunts was, to say the least, patchy and appallingly coordinated: while the Essex Farmers' and Union Hunt initially got only a couple of traffic patrol cars, police numbers at the hunt eventually climbed to some 60 officers and the force helicopter; meanwhile the Essex Hunt received only four officers and the Essex and Suffolk only about eight. The shoot had to make do with "spares" from the Essex Farmers' and Union Hunt. The police made no arrests at any of the four locations in what must be considered a serious reversal for Geoffrey Markham's hardline policy of attempting to crush saboteurs at any opportunity.

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The raids, which caused an estimated L2 million worth of damage, happened in the early hours of the morning. Twelve vehicles were attacked at the Aldington depot and 26 at the Wardle depot. All lorries were contracted out to the company by other firms. Most were small tankers but a few were bigger vehicles, capable of carrying up to 2300 litres of milk. At Wardle, vehicles were parked close together in rows. The cabs had been reduced to steel shells and the police have stated that many incendiaries had been used. Some that failed to go off have been taken away for forensic tests.

Peter Stevenson of Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) said ''This kind of thing is wrong in principle.''

Although there has been no formal claim, this action has all signs of being an ALF attack, and a highly successful one by an organized team.

Source: The Guardian, May 30, 1995, page 5 story by David Ward.

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Helsinki! Some cells are more and some less active, but anyway....So far the actions have been vandalizing etc. Nevertheless, we see huge potentiality here as far as direct action goes."

GERMANY

SEP 25-26/94: Köppen - Six hunting platforms: Destroyed. Autonomous Animal Protectors

SEP 25-26/94: Bad Soden - Hunting stand: A stand that was under repair after June 21 (Earth Liberation Night) destruction of hunting platforms was knocked over.

SEP 27-28/94: Offenbach - Several fur and butcher shops: Windows damaged by acid; locks glued. "With this action we want to show that behind the shiny
glass facades are the corpses of animals." The group promised more actions, until "every business that does business with animal corpses is forced to close". Autonome Befreiungsgruppe / Autonomous Liberation
Front

OCT/94: Hamburg - Hunting organization office: Sour butter stinkbomb sprayed in entranceway. Hunter's vehicle: sour butter stinkbomb sprayed in ventilation system; 3 tires slashed. Autonomous Animal Protectors

NOV 5/94 (International Night for Earth Liberation): Taunus - 8 hunting platforms: Destroyed. "With this and future actions we want to expose the killing of animals as the bloody hobby which it is....we will not give peace until the animals in the forest can again live peacefully and no hunting platforms ruin the forests and meadows." Smart Fox Hunting Platform Group

CHRISTMAS TIME/94: Hamburg - 20 carp liberated.

CHRISTMAS TIME/94: Stuttgart - 58 rabbits liberated.

CHRISTMAS TIME/94: Oldenburg - 43 geese liberated.

CHRISTMAS TIME/94: location not specified - A fourth animal rescue. No other details at this time.

DEC 31/94: Hamburg - Hunting organization office: Arson attack. 100,000 DM
damage. Hit #2. Hunters have claimed that "Animal Rights Action" is responsible.

DEC 31/94: Bayern - 15 hunting platforms: Destroyed.

DEC 31/94: Karlsruhe - 12 hunting platforms: Destroyed.

DEC 31/94: all over Germany - Butchers' furriers' shops: Windows smashed to celebrate New Year's Eve.

JAN/95: near Erfstadt/Köttingen - Four hunting platforms: Smashed.

FEB/95: near Wuppertal - Six hunting platforms: Destroyed.

IRELAND

NOV/94: Galway - Captain Mark Phillips, Queen's husband and notorious hunt supporter: Recipient of warning to "go home ASAP". North Galway and
Galway Blazers hunts: Recipients of letter bombs. Justice Department

ISRAEL

NOV/94: Tel Aviv - Fur shops: Windows etched/smashed; locks glued. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Tel Aviv - 5 fur shops: Windows smashed. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Hoolon - Three meat vans: Destroyed. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Hoolon - Six butcher shops: Destroyed. A.L.F.

MAR/95: Tel Aviv - Fur shop: Vandalized. A.L.F.

NEW ZEALAND / AOTEAROA

FEB/94: Christchurch - Meat truck: Trashed. A.L.F.

JUNE-JULY/94: Christchurch - Stanmore Butchery: Locks glued twice; slogans painted 3 times. Owner's car: tires slashed; "Meat is Murder" painted. A.L.F.

AUG/94: Christchurch - Cancer Society Headquarters: Spraypainted twice within a two week period. A.L.F.

AUG/94: Christchurch - National Bank (major sponsor of Cancer Society Daffodil Day): 5 branches spraypainted; locks of 3 branches glued; billboards painted with anti-vivisection messages. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Christchurch - Tegal Chicken truck parked by roadside: Vandalized. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Christchurch - Two butchers: Paintbombed. A.L.F.

WORLD VEGAN DAY, NOV/94: Christchurch - Canterbury Frozen Meat: Company office sloganised, splattered in paint, locks glued; frozen chicken van redecorated, tires slashed. A.L.F.

DEC - JAN/95: Christchurch - Several butchers: Paintbombed; windows smashed at one location. A.L.F.

DEC - JAN/95: Christchurch - Ratcliffe Circus: Unspecified action. A.L.F.

JAN/95: Wellington - Hataiai Butchers: Locks glued. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Wellington - Cuba St. butchers: Locks glued. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Auckland - Butcher shop: Trash can thrown through window.

MAR/95: Wellington - New World Supermarket: Hoax advertising of supermarket free battery-farmed eggs for every shopper.

APR 24/95: Wellington - Lever-Rexona, subsidiary of Unilever (vivisectors): Activists announced they had tampered with AIM brand toothpaste tubes, in recognition of World Day for Lab Animals. Several AIM toothpaste tubes filled with ketchup were found by supermarket staff. According to a press statement, "the tomato sauce symbolised the blood of many animals in vivisection labs run by Unilever and other companies". According to a newspaper report, police "visited the homes of known activists" and viewed supermarket videotapes in an attempt to identify the activists who pulled off the action. Lever-Rexona is now looking at introducing tamper-proof containers; National Manager Murray Papps encouraged anyone with concerns about the tampering to phone Lever's customer advisory centre at 0800-108-806 (conveniently toll-free!).

LATE APR/95: Auckland - A week before duck shooting season was scheduled to begin, a fake bomb was discovered in a post office and was blown up by a bomb sqaud. A message on the package said "stop killing our ducks".

APRIL/95: Christchurch - Animal Liberation Front paints anti meat slogans on two butcher shops in Colombo St and redecorates Sydenham KFC with red painted messages.

MAY/95: Christchurch - Animal Liberation Front activists return to a Colombo St butcher and Sydenham KFC with more paint! "Smash Factory Farming" painted.

MAY/95: Christchurch - A week later more ALF activists put superglue into locks at (you guessed it) Sydenham KFC and paint slogans all over it, the same night a meat wholesaler in Sydenham gets glue in the locks and grafitti all over it, including "MEAT IS MURDER" in six foot letters along one wall. This was not cleaned off for several days. A Colombo St butcher gets repainted with slogans again.

MAY/95: Christchurch - Activists remove the Ratcliffe Circus banner from outside a performance site in Belfast.

MAY/95: Christchurch - A week later, Ratcliffes circus was in Bromley Park, Christchurch when somebody painted the words "LET ME OUT" on the Elephants trailer! Eyewitnesses report that the grafitti wasn't noticed by circus staff until the next afternoon when, as the show was about to begin, and several families were gathered around the elephant trailer, the owner came running out screaming "I'll fucking kill the bastards".

MAY/95: Christchurch - (same night as "let me out" above) A.L.F. activists painted slogans on Riccarton McDonald's and destroyed two large advertising banners outside the McMurder branch.

MAY/95: Wellington - Two trucks belonging to a fish company covered in slogans and a lobster exporting business next door sprayed with "let lobsters live" and other slogans A.L.F.

JUNE/95: Levin - KFC covered in spraypainted slogans like "KENTUCKY FRIED CORPSE", "SMASH FACTORY FARMING" etc and rocks through the front window. (ALF)

JUNE/95: Palmerston North - Three McDonalds advertising signs had "McSHIT" written all over them.

JUNE/95: Dunedin - Front window of McDonald's smashed causing $1300 damage. Unfortunately one person arrested.

JULY/95: Auckland - Several butcher and fish shops in Ponsonby Rd get their locks superglued. (ALF)

JULY/95: Wellington - KFC in Cambridge Terrace gets superglued and splattered in red paint. (ALF)

JULY/95: Wellington - Front window smashed at "Charcoal Chicken" in Cuba St.(ALF)

JULY/95: Wellington - Town Hall locks glued and slogan painted on door on eve of a vivisectors conference there. (ALF)

JULY/95: Wellington - Vivisectors conference dinner at Skyline restaurant disrupted by fifteen masked activists who banged on doors and windows, shouted, and threw stuff.

JULY/95: Christchurch - Animal libbers make hoax bomb threats to two National Banks in Colombo St on Daffodil Day, closing both branches for several hours. National Bank is the major sponsor of Daffodil Day, a cancer research (vivisection) fundraising event. They raise money by selling sausages outside bank branches.

AUGUST/95: Auckland - Medical school at Auckland university covered in multi coloured anti vivisection slogans including "viviSICKtion" and "ALF". (ALF)

POLAND

DEC/94: Bialystock - Fur shops: Locks glued. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Bialystock - Hospital lab: Guinea pigs, rats liberated. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Bialystock - Various locations: Anti-hunt graffiti. A.L.F.

JAN/95: Bialystock - Hunt shop, butcher's store: Spraypainted; A.L.F. posters stuck on windows. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Bialystock - Butchers' shops: Locks glued. A.L.F.

FEB/95: Zielona Goar - Furriers' stores: Windows smashed, slogans demo.

SCOTLAND

APR 24/95: Glasgow - Alaska Fur Company, Glasgow branch: Recipient of letter bomb. Justice Department

EARLY 1995: Edinburgh - Ethicon (vivisectors): Recipient of letter bomb. Justice Department

SWEDEN

SEP 24/94: Umea - Three meat trucks burnt out. Millions of dollars worth of damage.

NOV 12/94: Stockholm - Arla's Dairy: Seven milk trucks burnt out. Militant Vegans

END OF 94: Jonkoping - Meat shops: Slogans painted; locks glued; windows smashed.

JAN/95: Jonkoping - Fur shop: Burned to the ground.

EARLY JAN/95: Gothenburg - Meat and fish vehicles: Attempted arson; minor damage. Militant Vegans

JAN 19/95: Östersund - Slaughterhouse: Containers with acetylene gas opened, no damage. Frösö Zoo: 10 foxes, 2 wolves, 13 lynx and a few owls set free.

FEB 10/95: Stockholm - 3 fur shops, 2 meat shops, 1 hot dog bar: Red slogans painted; windows scratched; advertising banners destroyed. Actions dedicated to Jill Phipps. One of the butchers targeted in this attack has been hit 15 times; damage from the D.B.F. (A.L.F.)'s last hit in December was still showing at the time of this hit. Djurens Hämnare / Animal Avengers

FEB 22/95: Stockholm - Burger King: Painted with red anti-meat slogans. Djurens Hämnare / Animal Avengers

MAR 10/95: Stockholm - Skansen Zoo: Spraypainted with red anti-zoo slogans, windows scratched. Djurens Hämnare / Animal Avengers

APR/95: Stockholm - Solna Korv meat truck: Destroyed by fire. Djurens Hämnare / Animal Avengers

APR 4/95: Gothenburg - Hot dog bar: Totally destroyed by explosion caused by either arson or a bomb. No group has claimed responsibility, but according to the Djurens Hämnare press officer, "I think it is animal liberationists involved".

APR 10/95: Stockholm - Meat shop: Spraypainted. Djurens Befrielse Front (D.B.F.) / A.L.F.

USA

no date: Red paint sprayed on thousands of dollars of fur coats while they were being worn by "their cruel and ignorant 'owners'". A.L.F.

FEB/94: Madison, Wisconsin - Herschlender's Furs "Fur Her"

billboard: Paintbombed; local papers reported $11,000 damage (!); the sign was permanently removed. Savidusky's Furs: Windows smashed. A.L.F.

APR/94: Madison, Wisconsin - Taxidermist: Windows smashed on three occasions. A.L.F.

JUN/94: San Francisco, California - Several businesses which sell live lobster: Attacked. Crustacean Liberation Front (C.L.F.)

SUMMER/94: Minneapolis, Minnesota - KFC: Walls spraypainted with "ALF", "Meat is Murder", other slogans; locks glued. Fish restaurant: Spraypainted
with "stop raping the oceans"; locks glued; screen door ripped off.

Butcher shop: Locks glued; "veal is child abuse" and "Meat is Murder" spraypainted. A.L.F.

SUMMER/94: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - Many downtown restaurants: Spraypainted with vegan slogans. A.L.F.

MID-OCT/94: Pleasant View, Tennessee - McEllis fur farm: Cages holding 20-25 foxes opened so the animals could escape. A.L.F.

OCT 17/94: Salt Lake County, Utah - Honey Baked Hams: Three windows worth $500 smashed. Vegan Revolution

OCT 18/95: Sebastopol, CA - Work place of Jose LaCalle, chinchilla rancher and forensic psychologist currently facing charges of killing chinchillas with genital electrocution spraybombed with anti-fur slogans.

OCT 26/94: Salt Lake County, Utah -- Honey Baked Hams: Hit again. Meier's Meat Market: Windows smashed; note left said "Murderers. Next time it
won't be windows...." Vegan Revolution

OCT 31/94: Dover, New Jersey - Farm Fresh Meats: delivery trucks damaged. A.L.F.

OCT-NOV 94: West Valley City, Utah - Jordan Meat Company: Pipe bomb thrown through window. Approximately $1,500 damages. Vegan Revolution

NOV/94: Olney, Maryland - Kentucky Fried Chicken: Spraypainted; windows smashed out. A.L.F.

NOV/94: New York City, New York - Fur salon: Large steel garbage can tossed through front picture window. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Spokane, Washington - Exclusifurs: Painted. Paint Panthers

NOV/94: Seattle, Washington - Kentucky Fried Chicken: Trashed. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Washington, DC - Fur store: Window shot out. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Maryland - Best Kept Secrets: Fake blood sprayed on thousands of dollars worth of fur coats. A.L.F.

NOV 7/95: Memphis, Tennessee - New location of Jean Benham Furs: Firebombed before it opened. The BATF investigated, questioning nearby shop owners and trying to question at least one local activist, who refused to speak to them. It appears that the investigation has gone nowhere, but the fur store is now open for business. A.L.F.

NOV 17/94: San Francisco, California - Robert's Furs: Hit; other unspecified actions. Berkeley's Milk Board: Paint bombed. A.L.F.

NOV 29/94: Dayton, Ohio - Lazurus Department store: Delivery truck spraypainted with anti-fur slogans. A.L.F.

LATE NOV/94: Mankato, Minnesota - Fur store: "Fur is Dead" spraypainted. A.L.F.

NOV-DEC/94: location not specified - Local grocery store: Rodent glue traps, UPC re-order tags for the traps damaged and thrown in in-store garbage cans. Result: store no longer sells devices. A.L.F.

EARLY DEC/94: Portland, Oregon - Numerous fast food restaurants: Vandalized, spraypainted with animal lib slogans.

DEC/94: Maryland - Used clothing store: Fur coats spraypainted. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Maryland - Best Kept Secrets: Hundreds dollars of furs splattered with fake blood. Hit #2. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Berkeley, CA - Clothing store: Gum in fur trims; fur hats torn. A.L.F. Golden Gate Unit

DEC/94: location unspecified - "Giant" grocery chain: Large number of trucks with meat advertisements spray painted with "Meat is Murder", "Meat Kills,", other anti-meat slogans. A.L.F.

DEC/94: location unspecified - Large fur store: Bomb threat.

DEC/94: Colorado - Egg farm: One hen liberated from abandoned wing of farm, and subsequently rehomed. Publicly done action, resulting in a trespassing charge.

DEC 2/94: Bloomington, Indiana - Lazurus department store delivery truck: Anti-fur slogans painted; windows smashed. A.L.F.

DEC 2/94: Indianapolis, Indiana - Lazurus department store: Slogans painted, windows broken. A.L.F.

DEC 16/94: Berkeley, California - Northwest Animal Research Facility: Hit with six large paint bombs. A.L.F.

DEC 23/94: San Francisco, California - Roberts Furs: Locks glued. A.L.F. Stockton Unit

DEC 23/94: San Francisco, California - Home Fine Sausage: Locks glued; paint bombed. A.L.F. Stockton Unit

DEC 24/94: Memphis, Tennessee - Tandy Leather: Windows smashed. A.L.F.

DEC 25/94: Oakland, California - Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers: Front lock glued. A.L.F. Golden Gate Unit

DEC/94 - JAN/95: outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Numerous meat industry ads: Paint enamel used to paint anti-meat/ environmental slogans.

DEC/94 - JAN/95: outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Eight billboards: Altered.

LATE 1994 OR EARLY 1995: San Francisco, California - Herbert's Furs: "Fur Scum" burnt into glass front door with acid, during their going out of business sale. A.L.F.

EARLY 1995: Salt Lake City, UT - Burger King, KFC, Leather Factory, Main Street Poultry, H and D Food Services, Consolidated Field Sports Taxidermy: Ball bearings shot through windows. A.L.F.

JAN 15/95: San Francisco, California - Herberts Furs: Locks glued, "FUR SCUM": etched on glass door. A.L.F. Stockton Unit
JAN 15/95: San Francisco, California - Home Fine Sausage: Locks glued. A.L.F. Stockton Unit

JAN 21/95: Virginia Beach, Virginia - Lowenthal Furs: Slogans painted. A.L.F.

JAN 28/95: Virginia Beach, Virginia - Central Meats and Packing: Unspecified damage. A.L.F.

JAN 30/95: Virginia Beach, Virginia - Central Meats and Packing: Vehicle windows smashed; slogans painted on vehicles and main building; central cooling system destroyed; truck tires slashed. Estimated $4000 damage. "We won't stop until the senseless slaughtering of animals is stopped." A.L.F.

FEB 1/95: Dover, New Jersey - Farm Fresh Meats: 10 tires on delivery trucks slashed, slogans painted on trucks and trailer; compressor damaged Total of $2100 damage. Hit #2. A.L.F.

FEB 13/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - Ribnick Furs: Every first-floor window smashed. Ambassador Sausage: Every sign spraypainted; locks glued. A.L.F.

FEB 16/95: San Francisco, California - Robert's Furs: Paint bombed. Hit #2. A.L.F. Stockton Unit

FEB 27/95: San Francisco, California - Robert's Furs: Door etched. Hit #3. A.L.F. Stockton Unit

MAR/95: Eden Prairie, Minneapolis - Communications Marketing (publisher of Fur Rancher): Locks glued. A.L.F.

MAR/95: Indianapolis, Indiana - Kinkaid's Meat Market: Windows broken, locks glued, slogans painted. A.L.F.

MAR/95: Winnebago County Courthouse, Illinois - Richard Ramos: Chased out of courthouse by several AR activists. In November 1994, Ramos and two other men were arrested in Rockton, Illinois for killing and then decapitating a poodle for "entertainment". According to one animal rights activist, Ramos' court appearance was "one of those scenes you might remember for the rest of your life. Richard Ramos, big, bad poodle slayer, being chased out of the Winnebago County Courthouse by several female members of the Chicago Animal Rights Coalition (CHARC). 'Coward, you coward' the women yelled, as Ramos and his attorney fled for parts unknown. Both print and television media recorded the event. We can only hope the killer wasn't too badly scared."

MAR 8/95: Salt Lake City, Utah - Egg Products: Trucks painted with slogans. A.L.F.

MAR 13/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - Crown of MN, Inc (fur ranch supplier): "Fur Trade, Death Trade" spraypainted; locks glued. Ambassador Sausage: Rock thrown through glass front door; hit #2. A.L.F.

MAR 13/95: St. Paul, Minnesota - MidAmerica Seafood: Windows etched, locks glued. A.L.F.

APR/95: Washington, DC - Miller's Furs: Paint bombed. A.L.F.

APR 2/95: Indianapolis, Indiana - Kinkaid's Meat Market: Windows smashed, locks glued, slogans painted. Hit #2. A.L.F.

APR 5/95: Washington, DC - Capitol Building: A dozen costumed animal liberation activists dressed as elephants, mice, and zebras ran past a phalanx of policemen guarding a circus performance organized by congressional Republicans. Half the activists leaped a police barricade, heading for the trailer holding "King Tusk" and other circus elephants. All were wrestled to the ground and carried away handcuffed. U.S. Capitol police said 18 were arrested, charged with unlawful entry and obstructing passage on Capitol grounds.

APR 11/95: Virginia Beach, Virginia - Lowenthals Furs: Windows smashed. Central Meats and Packing: Windows smashed, slogans painted. A.L.F.

APR 27/95: Virginia Beach, Virginia - Lowenthal's Furs: Windows smashed. Hit #2. A.L.F.

APR 28/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - George Garden International Circus/Minneapolis Shrine Circus: Two semi-trailer trucks paint-bombed, front windows smashed. Crown of MN, Inc. (fur ranch supplier): paint-bombed; hit #2. Simek's Meat: Billboard paint-bombed. A.L.F.

MAY 1/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - Brotherson's Meats: Locks glued; "death" spraypainted on front and back of building. Johnson Meat Company: Locks glued; "murder" spraypainted on front window. Finer Meat Company: Locks glued; "ALF", "death" spraypainted on front window. Ribnick Furs: Locks glued; "scum", "murder", "ALF" spraypainted on front windows; hit #2. A.L.F.

MAY 21/95: Syracuse, New York - Liehs & Steigerwald Meats: Windows shot out; A.L.F. slogans painted. Honeybaked Hams: Windows shot out: A.L.F. slogans painted all over store; paint splattered on windows.
Eastern Milk Producers: A.L.F. slogans painted, front door windows shot out, air conditioning system sabotaged. A.L.F.

JUN 1/95: Syracuse, New York - Sugar Mountain Leather: Front window shot out; locks glued; A.L.F./Vegans Against Animal Abuse slogans painted. Dairy Queen: A.L.F./V3A slogans painted on all sides of building; several windows etched; several windows shot out. "The liberation crusade has begun in Syracuse. More to come..." (from communique) A.L.F. V3A (Vegans Against Animal Abuse) Cell

"To Inflict Economic Damage on Those Who Profit From the Suffering and Exploitation of Animals -
Don't Wait to Act"
- from Minneapolis A.L.F. communique

BUSY IN NEW YORK

(more 1994 actions listed in Underground #1 and #2)

MAR/94: Rochester, New York -- Rodeo: Truck windows smashed; trucks painted. A.L.F.

MAY 1/94: Rochester, New York -- Hunting Store: Windows smashed.
A.L.F.

MAY 1/94: Rochester, New York -- Lipsitz Furs: Windows smashed. A.L.F.

MAY 2/94: Rochester, New York -- Federal Meats: Locks glued; windows smashed; slogans painted. A.L.F.

MAY 4/94: Rochester, New York -- Federal Meats: Paint damage. Hit #2. A.L.F.

NOV/94: Henrietta, New York -- Conti Packing Company (meat packing plant): Windows smashed; buildings and vehicles graffitied. A.L.F., Rochester cell

NOV 30/94: Brighton, New York -- Berman's Fur Fashion: "Fur is Dead" and "Stop or be Stopped" written in black paint on building walls; streaks of red paint poured along ground; window smashed with a brick; "A.L.F." etched into windows. A.L.F., Rochester cell

DEC 2/94: Henrietta, New York -- Conti Packing Company (meat packing plant): Windows of seven trucks and three trailers smashed; $5,000+ damage. "Meat is murder", "Veggie power", "Stop or Be Stopped", "This is Just a Warning" painted in green on trucks Firebombed; slogans painted. A.L.F.

DIARY OF ACTION

DEC 22/94: Mendon, New York -- Hillcrest Turkey Products: Windshields of two trucks smashed; sugar poured into both gasoline tanks; "Meat is murder", "We're going to come back to get you and your turkeys" painted on trucks and sides of building. $35,000 damage. A.L.F., Rochester cell

DEC 22/94: Brighton, New York -- Berman's Fur Fashion: Brick thrown through window. Fur coat inside damaged by glass from smashed window. $1000 damage. Hit #2. A.L.F., Rochester cell

JAN 12/95: Syracuse, New York -- NY Eastern Milk Producers: Slogans painted. A.L.F.

JAN 16/95: Syracuse, New York -- Georgios Furs: Paint bombed. A.L.F.

JAN 16/95: Syracuse, New York -- Mazzye's Meats: Windows smashed.
A.L.F.

mid-Jan/95: Henrietta, New York -- Conti Packing Company (meat packing plant): Two Mack trucks used to deliver meat set on fire; interior of truck cabs heavily damaged. "We're just getting warmed up" spraypainted on trailer. Hit #2. A.L.F., Rochester cell

FEB 23/95: Syracuse, New York -- Georgio's Furs: Paint bombed, slogans painted. A.L.F.

APR 14/95: Syracuse, New York -- Oneanta Beef Company: Incendiary devices ignited. $6000 damage. A.L.F.

APR 27/95: Rochester, New York -- TD Cohn Meat Packing Plant: The FBI is currently investigating the actions near Rochester and Syracuse, and have threatened at least one activist with a subpoena. At this point we do not know if a grand jury has been convened. Stay tuned for more details.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT RELEASES 500 PIGEONS DESTINED FOR HEGINS PIGEON SHOOT

(From a Fund For Animals press release) On the morning of Monday, August 28, The Fund for Animals received an anonymous telephone call from someone claiming to be a member of the Animal Liberation Front. The caller indicated that, late last night, ALF activists liberated 500 pigeons from Mike's Feed Barn, on Middle Road, in Weishample, Pennsylvania (in Schuylkill County, only a few miles from Hegins).

The caller said that these 500 birds were destined for the Hegins pigeon shoot on Labor Day. The caller described ALF activists cutting the locks on the barn, stealing six crates from the property, working late into the night to place the birds into crates one by one, and spray painting ''ALF'' on the barn. The activists reportedly released the birds in a park where hunting is not allowed.

According to the anonymous caller, ''We have been waiting all year for someone to stop the shoot, but these 500 birds had no more time to wait.''

Says Heidi Prescott, National Director of The Fund for Animals, ''We, too, have been waiting all year for someone to stop the insidious Hegins pigeon shoot. The State Legislature, the State Police, Governor Ridge, and the Courts have all failed to end this cruelty. It is nice to see that someone in Pennsylvania has some guts.''

Adds Cleveland Amory, President of The Fund and best-selling author, ''The Fund for Animals does not encourage anyone to break the law. But when I think of 500 birds flying free, instead of being stuffed in tiny boxes and tortured for fun, it puts a big smile on my face.''

The Hegins pigeon shoot is the world's largest and most gruesome live bird shooting contest. Of the 5,000 birds shot each year, investigators from The Fund have documented that approximately 70 percent of the birds are not killed immediately, but wounded. Young children collect crippled birds, ripping off their heads, stomping on them, or throwing them into barrels to suffocate.

On Labor Day at the Hegins pigeon shoot, The Fund for Animals will organize a massive bird rescue effort with veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators, and a mobile MASH unit on hand to treat wounded birds. Last year, Fund volunteers rescued over 300 birds from the pigeon shoot, treated them with medical care, and transported them to various rehabilitation facilities.

TAKING DIRECT ACTION AGAINST McDONALD'S

BELGIUM

NOV 9/94: Gent - Building site of new McDonald_s branch: Smashed up. Property of the contracting firm building the new branch was also destroyed. Commando No Pain for Gain

CANADA

APR 22/95: Guelph, Ontario - McDonald's: Hundreds of "grease" stickers glued on drive-thru and main building; posters glued on building. Posters read "Happy Birthday McDonald's?"; golden arch with "McCancer"; "40 years of environmental damage, human rights abuses, rainforest destruction and cruelty to animals. Chew on that with your next big mac"; "McDonald's: You deserve a BRICK today".

CZECH REPUBLIC

MAY 1/95: Prague - 200 people turned out for an anti-McDonald's demo; over $15,000 of damage was caused in battles with the police when bricks and paint were thrown. Two McDonald's windows were smashed.

DENMARK

JAN 1/95: Copenhagen - McDonald's branch: Broken into and smashed up by hundreds of "left wing anarchists" because it "symbolises capitalism and money". Furniture was ripped out and burnt on a bonfire.

FINLAND

JAN 28/95: Tampere - McDonald's branch: Slogans painted, sign smashed. Eläinten Vapautus Rintama (E.V.R.) / A.L.F.

JAN 30/95: Vantaa - McDonald's branch: At least 20 slogans spraypainted, 5 windows smashed. Eläinten Vapautus Rintama (E.V.R.) / A.L.F.

EARLY FEB/95: Kerava - McDonald's branch: Slogans spraypainted.

FEB 14/95: Helsinki - McDonald's branch: Slogans spraypainted. Eläinten Vapautus Rintama (E.V.R.) / A.L.F.

FEB 18/95: Vantaa - McDonald's branch: "Meat is murder", "A.L.F." spraypainted on windows; 4 large windows smashed.

FEB 25/95: Helsinki - McDonald's branch: Smashed window reported.

MAR 30/95: Vantaa - McDonald's branch: Walls spraypainted, 17 windows smashed. Another McDonald's branch: Walls, garbage cans spraypainted; 9 windows smashed. Eläinten Vapautus Rintama (E.V.R.) / A.L.F.

FRANCE

JUL 9/94: North Paris - Branch in Massy: 67 workers pulled a surprise strike, closing the store down during its busiest period. They were demanding "respect of their rights to engage in union activity, paid vacations, the right to choose their own delegates and recognition of their personal needs." Less than 24 hours after the strike an agreement was signed between management and the General Confederation of Workers (CGT) union representing the workers. A few days later McDonald's workers in the town of Ulis walked out. In Nantes, west France, McDonald's workers prepared a week of action with CGT trade unionists.

GERMANY

SEP 19/94: New Ulm - Not-yet-opened McDrive at McDonald's branch: 24 window panes damaged with acid shortly before the opening; "Revenge for every murdered animal", "McMurder" written on walls. Estimated 30,000 DM damages. The Organization of Animal Liberators acted as press officers for the activists responsible. In the press statement points were made about the connections of animal oppression, environmental destruction and use of animal feed out of the "Third World". Autonomous Animal Protectors

MEXICO

NOV 9/94: Mexico City - McDonald's branch: 40 masked activists caused considerable damage. The action took place during a protest against a ballot that would cut social benefits for immigrants in California, as activists saw McDonald's as "a symbol of US mperialism".

NEW ZEALAND

AUG/94: Christchurch - McDonald's branch: Paintbombed. A.L.F.

SWEDEN

APR 15/95: all over Sweden - Various McDonald's branches: Toilets blocked, slogans painted, arsons, non-specified minor damage. Actions done to mark McDonald's 50th birthday.

SWITZERLAND

JAN 21/95: Zürich - Several McDonald's branches: Toilets blocked with cement.

THE NETHERLANDS

Oct 15/94: Groningen - McDonald's branch: Windows smashed, slogans painted as an act of solidarity with the McLibel Two in England. Commando Helen Steel

USA

SUMMER/94: Minneapolis, Minnesota - McDonald's branch: Spraypainted with "McDeath", other slogans; locks glued. A.L.F.

DEC/94: Gaithersburg, Maryland - McDonald's branch: Extensively spray-painted; windows smashed out. A.L.F.



Police and anti-McDonald's activists battle in Prague

D O A: FUR

DEC 6/94: Madison, Wisconsin - McDonald's branch: Paintbombed. A.L.F.
DEC/94 - JAN/95: outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - McDonald's branch: "Meat is Murder" painted on two separate occasions.

MAR/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - McDonald's branch: Locks glued. A.L.F.

APR 13/95: Syracuse, New York - McDonald's billboard: Slogans painted. A.L.F.

MAY 1/95: Minneapolis, Minnesota - McDonald's drive-through: Menu spraypainted with "death". A.L.F.

Other actions against McDonald's and in solidarity of Helen Steel and David Morris (the McLibel Two) have been reported in Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary,

FINISHING OFF THE FUR INDUSTRY

Let me begin by listing the fur store closings we know of for the end of 1994.
Thomas McElroy 3 stores in Chicago, IL
Himmel Furs in Chicago, IL
Salvator Trippy Furs in Seattle, WA
Jack Lewis Furs in Memphis, TN
Fur Fashions of Memphis in Memphis, TN
Weinsteins Fur Faire in Long Island, NY
Yorkman Furs in Minneapolis, MN
unnamed location in Reno, NV
unnamed location in Boston, MA

Seems great doesn't it? Well, here's a list of stores that opened this Winter or will open soon.
Olympus Furs in Indianapolis, IN
Maxmillian Furs at Bloomingdales in Miami, FL
Saks 6 new salons, bringing them up to 38 salons
Henig Furs about 6 new stores, bringing them up to 12 or 13locations
Fur Vault 1 new store, bringing them up to 5 stores
Burlington Coat Factories 8 new operations, meaning fur will be in 88 of their 256 locations
Modas Longoria 3 new locations, in Julian Reed stores across Texas

The Fur Information Council of America (FICA) reports sales increases in the last 2 years. While their figures are debatable, it is not debatable that more animals died at the hands of the fur trade in 1994 than in years previous. Furriers killed 22 million minks in 1993 and 28 million in 1994. They killed 2.5 million foxes in 1993 and 3.1 million in 1994 (90% of all fox fur is going to fur trimmed coats). Fur farmers are making money again as pelts from all commonly ranch raised species are now bringing in enough cash to cover costs and then some. Why is this happening? Probably because too many groups have become complacent, thinking that we have won this battle. It's time for an all out campaign against the fur trade with tons of action on all fronts.

This is an industry that can be beat. A victory would means millions and millions of lives saved, tons of momentum and energy for the animal liberation movement, increased credibility in the public's eye, and a smaller base of opposition as an industry which has fought us harder than any other would have been eliminated.

The A.L.F. can defeat the fur industry. Remember all of the lab raids and animal liberations that took place in the eighties? Imagine if the same amount of energy and enthusiasm was put into attacking fur farms in the nineties. I think that the fur industry would be crushed. All fur animal species, except chinchilla, can be released into the wild and survive. They disperse quickly and travel many miles in a single day so there is no need to fear a huge ecological imbalance as a result of a massive mink liberation.

Malecky Mink Ranch was torched in Dec. 1992. The fur farm industry tried to decline that this was an A.L.F. action for quite some time. Eventually they could no longer hide from the truth as pieces of an incendiary device were found. Presumably they wanted to cover this up so that other mink ranchers wouldn't be scared out of the business. If scores of fur farms were raided then the industry would be devastated and many would stop raising fur animals for fear of losing their entire investment. Remember, most fur farmers do this part time and are not solely dependent on mink and fox to make a living. Therefore they are much easier to push out of business as opposed to a chicken farmer, etc.

If A.L.F. cells were to raid fur farms, one thing should be remembered. The animals aren't old enough to release until after May. Also, they must be liberated before late October because otherwise Winter will have set in and they won't have time to learn how to efficiently hunt for food as most prey species will now be more difficult to catch.

National Fur Foods in New Holstein, WI is doing major research to make fur farming more profitable. The same is true for Wildlife Pharmaceutical in Fort Collins, CO. I'm surprised that these two companies haven't been targeted yet. The A.L.F. completely shut down the mink research center at Oregon State University and crippled several other fur animal research centers. National FurFoods could be the strongest remaining.

On the retail level, I think all activist groups should really hammer the department stores that still sell fur. I would bet that they sell as much, if not more fur, than regular retail furriers. This is because they have more walk-in traffic, a better advertising budget, and their own charge accounts. Also, they can be forced to get rid of fur because they aren't solely dependent on the sale of such items. The thing to remember is that one or two spaced out actions aren't enough. Persistence is the key!

The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, PO Box 40641, Memphis, TN 38174, has a list of fur farms which they sent out to anyone. For yours and their protection, claim you need it for research and nvestigations. Then, pass the lists around to everyone. Let's not let them hide these hellholes anymore! I really believe that the A.L.F. can finish the furriers off. The body count is rising in the fur concentration camps. Are we going to lose ground and then the whole battle, or are w going to fight harder than ever and liberate every last animal?

TOTAL LIBERATION
anonymous

USING DIRECT ACTION EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE FUR TRADE

I would like to discuss ways in which DA (direct action) can be effectively used against the fur trade. I will discuss live animal liberations first. Basically, there are three ranch-raised fur animals: mink, fox, and chinchilla. Mink and fox are genetically wild and will survive when released into the woods. Minks can travel five miles a day while fox can travel twelve. They disperse quickly so there should be no worry that a habitat will be wrecked by a massive release of fur farm animals.

Mink and fox do bite so heavy gloves are a necessity. They can be grabbed and dropped on the other side of the fence. Don't ever put them into bags together as many A.L.F. cells do when dealing with other animals. These particular species are very likely to start fighting when piled on top of each other. One idea is to cut holes in the fence around the compound and then open all the cages so that the animals can find their own way out. Plenty of escape routes should be provided. None should lead the animals towards a busy road. Also, release type

actions should take place between late May and late October. If before then, the animals will be too young and if after this period, there may not be enough food available.

The chinchilla is a small herbivore that is native to the Andes mountains in South America. They can't be released into the wild and if liberated, should be given good homes. There are several things that should be taken into consideration concerning post-raidchinchilla care. An important one is that they have a hard time tolerating extremes above 80 degrees F. If you should liberate chinchillas, please make sure that the person providing their newhome has been educated about their special needs. Chinchilla rare. Boks are available at the book store and library.

Fur farms can still be hit even if a live liberation is not possible at that time. In October through December, the pelting stock (those about to be killed) will be the same size as the breeding stock (those kept to produce more animals). If all of the animals are released into the compound then the fur farmer won't know which are the breeders and which are the pelters. He will have to pelt them all out and spend thousands of dollars on new breeding stock. This is so annoying that sometimes they just give up for good. If anyone uses this tactic, they should make sure every animal cage is opened as it is hard for us to know which shed contains breeders and which doesn't. If a couple sheds are left untouched, then you might miss the breeding stock completely and the purpose of the hit will not have been achieved.

Non-toxic dyes can be sprayed on the animals' backs to ruin the economic value of their pelt. This is better than nothing, but as with the last described tactic, the animals will still be killed. The processing room and the feed storage barns can be hit as well. Malecky Mink Ranch in Yamhill, OR was put out of business when theA.L.F. burned down their processing barn. Arson should only be usedwhen it can be guaranteed that the fire will not spread to the sheds the animals are in.

Fur farmers have specialized tractors that dispense feed on top of the cages. These vehicles can be trashed in a number of ways. One easy one is to buy a bottle of muriatic acid at the hardware store. This costs about three dollars for one or two gallons. Simply pour it all over the engine and leave.

Your state department of agriculture may have a list of fur farms in your state. You can call and ask and if they ask questions say you're a potential fur farmer looking for breeding stock. It may be wiser to contact the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. They have a small fur farm list, and while their list may not be complete, at least they won't tell who ordered the lists from them. For security purposes, claim you need the list for research and investigations. Their address is: PO Box 40641, Memphis, TN, 38174, USA. Try and send $1 to cover postage and printing.

Economic sabotage can also be employed. This simply involves smashing fur shops' windows, squirting super glue into the locks, spray painting, filling bell peppers or Christmas ornaments with paint and "paint bombing" the building, etc. To be effective, a place should be hit repeatedly. Every hit causes security to increase so go for maximum destruction.

Send press releases about fur hits to the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade [and the NA-ALFSG, of course!-ed].

It's past time to end the fur trade for good. Let's take to thestreets and stop the killing. Action speaks louder than words.

NEW HUNT SAB POSSIBILITY?

Russ Mason, Dale Nolte, and Gisela Epple of the Denver Wildlife Research Center's Monell Field Station have been studying theeffects of coyote urine. Mountain beavers, deer, and other mammalian herbivores are bothered by certain fractions within the urine. Recent experiments have shown that when roots are immersed, plants will translocate aversive substances. Analytical chemistry is being utilized to uncover the identity of thetranslocated fractions. If the fractions can be identified, it may be possible to develop an effective, biologically-based, systemic repellent for mammalian herbivores.

- posted to ar-news Jan 23/95; coyote urine info originally from "The Probe", Dec/92, Issue 128

The poster wrote, *"Now I don't know how or where they get the coyote pee, BUT this sounds like it has some potential. If we can follow this development, we may be able to sabotage hunts, without even being there-hence avoiding that new damned 'Hunter Harrassment' law."*

COMBINING TACTICS TO STOP THE VIVISECTORS: A REPORT OF SORTS FROM ENGLAND

Just writing to inform you about a protest I heard about in England. Apparently there was a vivisection conference that was going to go on, but the animal rights groups found out about it as well as the A.L.F.

Before the conference happened the hotel was notified of whatvivisectors are and what evil things they do by concerned peoplewho phoned them up. These people also demanded that the hotel stop letting such nazis hold conferences there beginning now or they would boycott their hotels nation-wide. This gave the hotel ample time to pull out, but they continued to rationalize their involvement in the conference.

Activists then called and made many bogus reservations at the hotel to try and cause the hotel economic hardship or at least frustrate them in trying to determine between the real reservations and the fake ones.

A few days before the conference began, the A.L.F. spraypainted "go home vivisectors" and similar slogans on all major roadways heading toward the hotel, especially the one from the airport as most of them flew in. Posters were also hung all over the city regarding vivisection and the evil conference that was to come.

The day the vivisectors arrived, they were greeted by a loud bunch of protesters who had numerous banners telling the vivisectors how evil they are and that they should feel free to leave at once. One protester with a megaphone quite vehemently attacked all the vivisectors as they tried to enter the building by telling them exactly what she thought of them. Almost 100 of the vivisectors, witnessing the many sights, took the activists up on their offers and, at great cost, whent home. A great victory.

The activists continued to be loud once the convention had started by banging on drums and chanting. They especially rose their voices loudly when the police asked them to quiet down asthe vivisectors could not hear the people giving the speeches.

The A.L.F. was also busy. They had dumped lots of red food coloring and laundry liquid in the hotel's fountains, sprayed slogans on the side of the hotel, and dumped motor oil in their pool. All of this was to put economic pressure on the hotel to not hold such murderous conventions now or ever again as well asput the vivisectors on edge. It worked tremendously well. Now the hotel was claiming that they had thought the conference was on animal welfare, and that they were ashamed that they had ever let them hold a vivisection conference there.

At lunch, some vivisectors wanted to leave the hotel to grab a bite to eat. Protestors followed them around and leafletted everyone around them and told them what the vivisectors did. If the vivisector went into a store, some would leaflet outside the store while others would go inside and tell everyone who that peson was and what they did. Pretty soon, no more of the vivisectors left the hotel.

Some activists managed to get inside the convention and cause prob-

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lems. Once when the vivisectors were sitting down to eat, an activist who had been waiting their table threw the food, told them what she thought of vivisectors in general, and then what she thought of them in particular and stormed out of the place.At another conference, well dressed activists who had been hiding out in bathrooms stormed into the dining hall, overturned tables and exited before anyone else could catch them. Other activistsreserved one room so they could have access inside of the hotel for further disruptions.

Activists willing to get arrested would enter the conference rooms, and disrupt the speeches by starting arguments about animal rights. After three or four of these, the vivisectors' nerves were shot and morale amongst them was low.

These actions have had far reaching effects on vivisection conferences in England. Many of them have been cancelled when thevivisectors have found out that animal rights activists wereaware of when and where they are going to take place. Likewise, numerous hotels and even cities refuse to let the conference take place in their borders as activists send them news cuttings of what happened at this past conference and they quickly pull out.It cost the city almost 100 pounds (approx. $200-ed) to police the week long conference, and the hotel suffered financially as well. Hopefully vivisectors soon will no longer be able to meetand communicate better ways to exploit animals and to fight those of us who stand up for animals.

Ann Nonamous
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"Well! No wonder! ... Look who's been loose the whole evening!"

The following is a review of attacks against animal activists over the last year.

CZECH REPUBLIC

DEC 7/94: Moravian city of Brno: a McDonald's asssistant manager sprayed tear gas in a photographer's face during a protest at the opening of the county's seventh McDonald's. After initially denying that the offender was a McDonald's employee, the company issued a formal apology to the Czech Press Agency photographer. The incident occurred when about 30 people, mainly from the environmental group Duha were pushed and carried out of a
McDonald's restaurant where they had been eating vegetables in a peaceful protest. "Just taking up the space is a form of violence" said McDonald's public relations manager Drahomira Jirakova. The McDonald's employee was asked to pay a small fine but is still working at McDonald's.
For more information, contact: Hnuti Duha Brno, Jakuska nam 7, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic and Hnuti Duha Plzen, Skolni 309, 330 08 Zruc, Czech Republic.

DEC 17/94: Kingston McDonald's: demonstrators were threatened with having their legs broken by a McDonald's manager - protests continue.

PORTUGAL

Protesters were beaten up and arrested by police after a demonstration outside a Lisbon McDonald's where 80 demonstrators voiced their opposition to the BigMac. Leafletting continues across the country.

USA

During the Mink Producers Convention, an animal liberation activist's wrist was broken when police tried to remove her from handcuffs that she had used to lock herself to a conference area.
- from "U animal-rights group targets hunters", Minnesota Daily, Jan 20 1995

NEW ZEALAND

Date: Tue, 07 Feb 95
Subject: New Zealand protesters board Whaling Ship

On Tuesday Feb 7 in a protest organised by Greenpeace, several people tryed to board a Japanese whaling ship as it made an emergency stop at Wellington Harbour.
The Toshi Maru 18 is one of four catcher ships that kill whales for a factory ship in the Southern whale sanctuary. The reason they can do this is cos they are 'research' whalers . . .

The ship was forced to visit Wellington after one of the crew chopped his finger off. As the ship approached the harbour entrance, the harbour pilot boat sped out to meet it followed by a police boat, and two greenpeace inflatables, and a greenpeace boat carrying a video crew.

The pilot boat met the whaler, transferred the injured 'scientist' and NZ police on board loaded fresh supplies for the whaler. As soon as the pilot boat was clear, the whaler turned and headed out to sea with greenpeace chasing it. As protesters tryed to get onto the ship NZ police stepped on their hands, kicked and hit protesers and threw several overboard. At this stage the whaler was about 20 miles from land and going about 15 knots.

One person was dragged onto the ship, handcuffed and then beaten by a cop. another person suffered a dislocated shoulder as she was pushed off the ship. Eventually the ship was too far from land and Greenpeace turned back. As they returned to shore some dolphins appeared and escorted them back.

The police have denied assaulting anyone although pictures of a cop kicking a person overboard are on the front pages of all the papers here and a TV news helicopter filmed cops dragging a handcuffed man across the deck and throwing people into the sea.

The government is demanding an explanation from the Japanese embassy as the ship was granted permission to transfer the injured sailor to land but not to resupply. The police have also been criticised for helping load the supplies.



HUNTS: FIND THEM... SAB THEM!!

Attack on activists house

18th February 95

Late yesterday (18-02-95), just before midnight, the home of John Curtins house was attacked by a group of masked men, armed with sticks and bricks. They smashed all the windows of the house and attempted to break down the door while screaming threats at John who was inside the house with his partner and a number of rescued dogs. failing to gain entry, or to do any harm to John, his partner or the animals they fled before help arrived.

John is a well known ALF activist of many years, having been sent to prison twice, the last time for liberating 89 beagles from a company called Interfauna which breeds for vivisection. He took over as spokesperson for the ALF when Robin Webb the then Press Officer was remanded to prison, and over the past weeks has appeared on TV and been quoted in many papers concerning the Live exports campaign and the ALF in general.

Although unhurt in this attack John fears mostly for the safety of the animals under his protection and arrangements are being made to move him to a safe location, he is to continue as spokesperson for the ALF.

Since the attack on John Curtins home in Liverpool there have been two more 'incidents'.

On the same night as the attack already reported 4 men armed and masked as in the other attack, broke down the 4 doors to get to the flat in Manchester, lived in by Dave Blenkinsop, who is a Hunt saboteur and ex-prisoner. Dave went to prison following the 'riot' which occurred outside the home of Huntsman Ian Summersgill who run
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Two day later at the home of a number of animal rights activists in Manchester, two men broke into the home and badly beat a number of dogs and a 19 year old female activists who was there alone at the time (other members of the household were at a demo). She was beaten with staves and knuckle dusters and was left concussed and with two fractured ribs and bruising to her face. She was told by the two men that they would kill her if she attended another hunt.

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Needless to say the police are making little action over the attacks and have failed to return for full statements after being initially contacted.

We expect no less, animal activists have been treated as second class citizens for many a year and we have learnt to look after ourselves. Hunt sabs on the Cheshire hunt will continue unabated.

The struggle continues.

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news release 3rd March 1995

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On the day in question, Cheshire Police had arrested all the occupants of the van, about a dozen saboteurs, "to prevent a breach of the peace", a common tactic in Cheshire when anti-hunt protesters have committed no offence but the police want to "intern" them for the duration of the hunt. It is, of course, completely illegal, but such niceties have never bothered Cheshire Police when it comes to dealing with hunt saboteurs. Astonishingly the police refused to move the saboteurs' vehicle but instead left it parked in the middle of very hostile hunt supporters at Faddiley, near Nantwich, saying they would ensure it was safe. All those arrested were released without charge at the end of the hunting day and returned to the van about 6.15 p.m. to find it had been so badly vandalised it eventually had to be written off, the windscreen had been put through, extensive damage was caused to the side panels and doors, and several tyres were slashed, over =A31,000 worth of damage in total.

Saboteurs rang the AA, but while they were waiting for a truck to come out, the hunt thugs, armed with pickaxe handles and coshes, returned to finished the job. This time the ten-strong gang were able to attack not just the van but also its occupants. A 24-year old woman attempted to run for help but was cornered by the gang, punched to the ground by Kirkham, and then kicked and beaten about the head and body as she lay on the floor helpless. She sustained two black eyes, damaged kidneys, and extensive cuts and bruising to her head and body in the vicious attack. The gang then dragged her back to the van and resumed their attack on the van, jumping on the roof and causing further damage to the exterior. While his friends were occupied in trashing the vehicle, Park climbed inside the van and beat up several of the occupants with a cosh.

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CHESHIRE HUNTS: A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE

The attack on the 12th December was by no means an isolated incident. Other similar attacks around that time include:

January 30th 1993 Cheshire Foxhounds: an ITV camera crew filmed Park and Kirkham punching a sab to the ground and beating him up. The police took no action over the attack.

In the first six weeks of the cubbing season of 1993, at least one sab was taken to hospital by ambulance every week as a result of being beaten up by hunt thugs.

October 23rd 1993 Cheshire Foxhounds: a sab required six stitches to a head wound after being beaten around the head by a hunt rider with the bone handle of his riding whip.

October 30th 1993 North Staffs Foxhounds: Park and Kirkham turned up at the hunt meet at Knighton near Worre, Staffs, and beat up aman who required seven stitches to a head wound after a ferocious beating with baseball bats.

November 2nd 1993 Cheshire Foxhounds: a sab required 8 stitches to a head wound after being attacked by fifteen men with baseball bats.

Thurs March (22) 95
ALF SG (UK) Raided

According to SG (UK) co-ordinators, "Three coppers turned up while I was at University, dragged my partner out of work and searched our house. the warrant was for 'inciting materials and items which could be used to make incendiaries or explosives'.

They left after three and half hours with a pile of letters, newsletters, press cuttings and the computer! We were not the only ones to be done. They raided three addresses the day before looking for the editor of Green Anarchist magazine (which is very pro-ALF and advertises 'Into the 90's and 'interviews'). They found him on the third attempt took a pile of stuff and arrested and charged him with inciting others to cause damage by fire. He's out on police bail so it can't be that serious."

Green Anarchist Magazine Raided by Police

Date: Thu, 11 May 1995

In an act of repression worthy of East Germany, police believed to be from Hampshire Special Branch raided the Inner Bookshop in Magalene Road, Oxford, *GA*'s mail box location.

Shortly after this on 14th March 1995, Special Branch raided the editor of *GA* and the printer. Many of the magazine records were taken, together with copy for next issue, cheque books, computer discs and a computer.

Back ground

Founded in 1984, *Green Anarchist* is a militant technology and calls for sustainable self-sufficient villages.

GA deals with travellers, squatters, animal rights, environmental issues, anti-motorway protests, anti-fascism, sexual liberation and counter culture. We reject non-violence [typist notes in my opinion this is not true they do report support non-violent direct action but also support violent resistance and revolution] and report actions carried out by ALF and ELF. (Earth Liberation Front.)

In 1991, Frontline Books Manchester was raided after police took exception to *GA* issue 27. Frontline subsequently doubled their order.

In 1993, *Green Anarchist* helped to expose Searchlight as a destabilising influence on the left and an arm of the state in the booklets 'A Lie too Far' (ALTF) and 'At War with The Truth'(AWWTT).

GA was linked with campaign to stop the Grand National in an article by Chester Stern, Mail on Sunday 6th Feb 1994

These police raids follow on from the July Sunday Times John Harlow 'Summer of Hate' smear campaign against radical greens and a repetition of the unsubstantiated Harlow smears on TV and other places, especially the false and slanderous description of *Green Anarchist* as a terrorist organisation by Jason Bennetto in the Independent, 28th December 1994.

New contact address
Green Anarchist
BM 1715, London WC1N 3XX

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HAMPSHIRE CID TARGET GREEN ANARCHIST MAGAZINE

GREEN ANARCHIST is an international militant eco magazine, published in Britain. In recent months sections of the British media have described GA as Britain's "most radical underground newspaper on the animal and roads protests fringe" (Observer 9.7.95) and Britain's "most notorious and seditious radical newspaper (Student Outlook - Summer 1995).

In Mid March 1995, members of Hampshire CID raided three addresses in Oxford. The outcome of these raids was the confiscation of much property and the arrest of one man who the British police claim is the General Editor of *Green Anarchist* magazine.

A couple of weeks later Hampshire CID raided another two addresses, on in the North West of England and the other in the South East of England. The outcome was two more arrests and more confiscation of property.

A couple of days after that, Hampshire CID raided two houses in the South West of England searching for a fourth person. Having failed to locate the person at the two addresses in Devon (but having sadly confiscated much property from one of the addresses), Hampshire CID then went on a 150-200 mile drive and located their target in the English Midlands. Again this person was arrested and more of their property was confiscated.

After their arrest, each person was taken to an appropriate local police station and questioned. When it became clear to the police that none of the people they had arrested intended to give them any information, each one was released on Police Bail (on condition they all appeared at a cop shop in Hampshire on the 7th of June or face fines/imprisonment for failing to surrender to police custody).

In Mid May, each of the four received a letter from Hampshire CID telling them the did not need to turn up to the Hampshire cop shop as the police were continuing with their enquiries. These "continuing enquiries" have taken the form of a number of radical bookstores that sell *GA* being raided.

Now despite the raids/arrests, at the end of June *GA* managed to produce another issue of their magazine. This seemed to anger Hampshire CID who had obviously hoped they had decommissioned *GA* magazine. The response of the police was to launch three more raids against suspected Green Anarchists. Two of these raids were in England and the third was in Scotland. One of the raids proved unsuccessful for Hampshire CID and they failed to locate the person they wanted. However, the other two raids did result in two more arrests.

Since then Hampshire CID have just been plain barmy! Hampshire CID appear to be going through all and any letters they managed to seize during the raids and paying anyone who has written to the alleged *Green Anarchists* a visit. On the 2nd of August, at 7:10am, two Hampshire CID officers raided the home of a *GA* reader who just happened to of written to *GA* back in November 1994! The search warrant the police showed the *GA* reader entitled Hampshire CID to search for "any article/record connected with *Green Anarchist* magazine, together with any article/record related to similar publications/ advertisements, and any other material inciting acts of arson/criminal damage." The *GA* reader is not a known arsonist or into anything like that.

If anyone has contacted *Green Anarchist* magazine there is a chance you might also be raided by Hampshire CID, who seem to be going to ever more desperate measures to try and set up those who they have arrested. If anyone does receive a visit by Hampshire CID, as a result of their reading/communicating with *Green Anarchist* magazine (or similar publications) then please let *Green Anarchist* magazine have the details. And if anyone reading this does not already subscribe to GA, then as a mark of solidarity with those arrested you might like to consider taking out a subscription to *GA*.
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SEAL WARS BACK ON

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Martin Sheen, Captain Paul Watson and Sea Shepherd Crew violently attacked by angry sealing mob on the Canadian Magdalen Islands. The seal wars are back on. Angered by Paul Watson's conservationist actions in the early 1980s which ultimately led to the reversal of the "Seal Protection Act" and ended the commercial seal hunt, Canadian sealers were out to "settle a score." Captain Watson, Sea Shepherd, and Martin Sheen were in the Magdalen Islands to try to promote their project to create a cruelty-freen non-lethal alternative to sealing, by collecting hair fibers by brushing harp seal pups as they molt. The fibers could be used for fill inquilts, down jackets, and other products needing insulation. Infact, a large German company was already offering to purchase all the molted hair that could be harvested. "I believe we have found a way to provide full employment for traditional sealers without having to kill a single seal," said Martin Sheen.

"Seals are meant to be clubbed, not coddled," said one representative of the Sealing Association. "Who does Watson think he is? Does he think we will exchange the club for a hairbrush? We are men, sealing men. We are not women."

The sealers attacked Watson in his hotel room, during which Watson received a number of cuts from flying glass, but had recieved serious injuries. Photojournalist Marc Gaede indicated the Germans were beaten, according to Carla Robinson at the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society headquarters in Santa Monica, California.

A German television crew were told by police that their safety could not be guaranteed unless the videos were turned over to the sealers. They gave them five cassettes to appease them. Their main story had been successfully hidden in a snow bank.

Satisfied that there was no documentation, the Quebec police told the outside world that nothing had happened. Oh, they said, "There was a peaceful demonstration, but no violence and Paul Watson voluntarily left the Magdalens when politely requested to do so by the sealers."

According to Watson, "All of us who were involved were astounded at the blatant lies from the police. We were even more astounded when much of the Canadian media echoed the lies and refused to run comments by journalists who had witnessed the incident.

The next day when I called to request that charges be laid, the Quebec police spokesperson told me, 'you were lucky to get off the island alive so don't push it.'"



Excerpts from Lies, Damn Lies and Green Wellies

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In the past three years, the hunting community has realised it has a serious image problem and has put substantial effort and millions of pounds into trying to make themselves more acceptable. Much of this effort has consisted of a smear campaign coordinated by the British Field Sports Society (BFSS) to cover up the brutality and violence of hunt supporters by "exposing" saboteurs as class war militants bent on violence and destruction. There is precious little evidence to support this theory, but the hardy folk of the hunting community will not let such trivia deter them and simply make up their "proof". We regard the issue of class as entirely irrelevant to the central moral issue of cruelty. Saboteurs come from all backgrounds, age groups, professions and political points of view. On the other side of the coin, the worst perpetrators of cruelty and violence at hunts are terriermen who are solidly working class. So-called class struggle is deliberately used to cloud the issue and provide a handy diversion for hunters unable to defend themselves on mora l grounds to spread alarm about "sinister political extremists". Perhaps they mean people like the now-famous "Granny Group" of saboteurs in Surrey? Every one of this brave group of senior citizens is over 60 and there's not a punk rocker among them. Unfortunately this does not seem to exempt them from violent attacks by hunt thugs. Or perhaps the hunt lobby mean such notorious class warriors as Rev. Bert Jones, a 65-year old church minister, who has been a hunt saboteur for three years.

Similarly, the word terrorist is frequently flung about in an attempt to smear genuine animal lovers, often coupled with lurid tales of bomb attacks. In June 1990, hunt supporter John Newberry-Street gained much valuable anti-saboteur publicity when a nail-bomb was found under his Land Rover. Further investigation revealed that he had planted the bomb himself and he later told police "I did it to discredit the animal rights saboteurs". He was jailed for nine months for his bomb hoax and asked for several other similar offences to be taken into a ccount.

A Catologue of Violence

There is a very real problem of violence at hunts . It overwhelmingly consists of assaults by hunt thugs against saboteurs. In the first 3 months of 1993 alone, some 75 saboteurs were victims of violent attacks by hunts, 13 of them requiring hospital attention as a result. In recent years saboteurs have been kicked, whipped, beaten with staves, spades and other weapons, ridden down by horses and vehicles, throttled, threatened with knives and shotguns, knocked unconscious and sexually assaulted in a range of attacks all across the country. There has also been an alarming rise in the use of vehicles as weapons despite the deaths of two saboteurs in recent years under the wheels of hunt vehicles.

Beaten With a Hammer

January 1994 Old Surrey & Burstow Hunt. Three saboteurs driving home after the hunt spotted a hunt official thrashing his horse to get it in a horsebox. They stopped to take photographs and the huntsman attacked them with a hammer, terrifying his horse which was only prevented from bolting when the female saboteur held and calmed the petrified animal. Her compassion was rewarded when the huntsman turned on her too, inflicting similar serious head wounds to those of her friends.

Scythe Attack

January 1993 Bramham Moor Foxhunt supporter Raymond Walker attacked saboteurs with a scythe, leaving two with head wounds and smashing van windows. In February 1994, he was convicted of a

fray and causing criminal damage along with two other hunt supporters, Mr & Mrs Winstanley, who pleaded guilty to affray for their part in the psychotic attack. All walked free from court with community service orders.

Five Days in Hospital

March 1994 Four Burrow Foxhunt. A mass attack on saboteurs started with the hunt whipper-in riding his horse several times over saboteur John Prescott, causing him massive internal injuries including 3 fractured ribs and serious internal bleeding. Saboteurs defended themselves and injuries were sustained on both sides. Only saboteurs were arrested even though many of them were injured in the unprovoked attack, including Mr Prescott who spent several hours in police cells vomiting blood before being allowed to go to hospital. He remained in hospital for five days, much of that time on a drip feed.

"From now on, we're going to start hunting the saboteurs..."

This is BFSS spokesman Nick Herbert's chilling announcement of the introduction of "stewards" " to deal with" saboteurs. The full sinister potential of his words was soon realised, as all over the country violent attacks on saboteurs reached epidemic proportions. It quickly became apparent that stewards, ostensibly introduced to tackle trespass, were actually being used as a quasi-legal cover for a new wave of violence designed to create unprecedented levels of tension at hunts. As violent attacks on saboteurs reached the point that at least one saboteur was being taken to hospital by ambulance every week, hunters launched renewed calls for legislation against peaceful protesters, citing their own violence in support.

Targeting Women

Many stewards have directed their attacks against female saboteurs, either simply beating them up or using the threat of sexual attacks.

* February 1994 At the Hursley Hambledon Foxhunt, a woman was trapped and held down; her breasts were molested and she was threatened with having a lighted cigarette stubbed out in her face.

* August 1992 Four stewards at a grouse shoot in Yorkshire surrounded a woman and subjected her to a lengthy sexual assault. Under the pretext of searching her, they pinned her to the ground and groped her body, thrusting their hands inside her clothing. The main instigator of this attack was subsequently employed by several other hunts where he continued to single out female saboteurs for sexual attacks.

* January 1993 At the Garth & South Berks Foxhunt, a woman was beaten unconscious and left lying in a pool of blood by a Reading bouncer drafted in to intimidate saboteurs. She was the most seriously injured of the 20 saboteurs attacked by stewards during the day.

Rotten to the Core

The hunting community often tries to dismiss violence against saboteurs as isolated incidents resulting from provocation and in fact the BFSS has published confidential guidelines urging hunt masters to adopt just such a defence if questioned by the media. The HSA has long felt that many hunts have allowed a culture of violence to develop in which engineering confrontational situations, intimidation and outright violence, both threatened and actual, are acceptable approaches to dealing with saboteurs. The deployment of stewards, in particular, has been a cynical step that has provided useful cover for such activity. It cannot be mere coincidence that since the introduction of stewarding, under the guiding hand of the BFSS, more saboteurs have been hospitalised and more hunt supporters jailed than at any time in the HSA's 32-year history.

Now, one brave woman, a former hunt supporter of many years standing, has decided to stand up and speak out against this culture of violence. Her name is Lynn Sawyer and she was at one time as committed to hunting as she is now repelled by it. She acted as a mole for the BFSS and found that saboteurs were not violent extremists motivated by class hatred, a tale she and every other hunt supporter had been force-fed for years. Instead, she found that saboteurs were on the whole deeply committed, sincere individuals who acted out of great and genuine concern for animals and that her own side were deliberately distorting the truth and provoking violence simply to suit their long-term political aims. Ironically, it was only the depth of her involvement in hunting that allowed her access to the inner echelons denied to most hunt supporters, where she encountered the brutality behind the respectable facade which was to make her question her support for bloodsports and ultimately turn her back on that world for ever.

The rest of this section is in Lynn's own words. We have left her tale as she wrote it as well as her open letter to the hunting world. Both pieces speak eloquently of the determination of the hunting hierarchy to continue on the path of violence and confrontation and the inability of the bloodsports community to set its own house in order.

Lynn's Story

My hunting career began with the Essex Foxhounds in 1982 when I was fourteen. By 1990, I had hunted with many different packs, including the East Essex, Essex Farmers' & Union, Puckeridge & Thurlow, Cottesmore, and West Kent Foxhounds; the Eastern Counties, Northamptonshire and Kent & Sussex Minkhounds; the Epping Coursing Club; and many West Country foxhound and staghound packs. Those eight years were spent running, or occasionally riding, to hounds; wielding a spade at digouts; helping out with hound exercise and doing odd jobs around hunt kennels; stewarding at point-to-points, collecting signatures on pro-hunt petitions and donations for the BFSS; and working on BFSS stalls and persuading the public at shows and by writing to the press.

From 1984-90, much of my time was spent gathering information for the field sports fraternity on anti-hunting activity. This meant doing anything to gather information including taking vehicle registrations (over 130 on file by 1990!), photographing sabs, delving through animal rights literature and music bought in specialist shops, attending animal rights meetings and gigs, chatting to the police and generally finding out what I could (none of which I am proud of now).

For several reasons in 1990, I could no longer continue these activities and I then spent four years trying to ascertain what exactly my feelings were. I spent time with the Shire hunts (the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir Foxhounds) and revisited the Essex before deciding earlier this year that it was time to speak out in the hope of stemming the tide of grossly exaggerated anti-sab propaganda and the violence it has brought to the field.

I went to great lengths to discuss the issue of hunt violence with the BFSS and other pro-hunting people [including John Hopkinson, Stephen Loveridge, Peter Smith and Nick Herbert of the BFSS and John Swift, director of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)] before, and indeed for some time after, it became clear that I could not permeate their rather narrow-minded way of thinking or change or influence any of them without being patronised or being singled out as a trouble-maker.

An Open Letter to the Hunting World

This is an open letter to those who I feel have a right to be informed of my recent decision to abandon my position of neutrality on the hunting issue in favour of the animal rights movement. For those who are not already aware, I ceased to be a hunt supporter four years ago because I was very uncomfortable with the way in which I was expected to behave in that role and due to the reaction I

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received from some pro-hunt leaders when I disagreed with their tactics. Four years of sitting on the fence has given me time to reflect upon my past as a hunt follower, a BFSS voluntary worker, a farm worker, a meat-eater, etc. Endless hours have been spent studying animal rights literature, keeping up to date via the sporting press, attending hunt meets and listening whilst in the field to the views of a wide spectrum of people from both sides. This decision is probably the most difficult that I have ever had to make, it has not been taken lightly and I am simply being honest with the readers of this letter and with myself. My reasons are as follows:

1. Whilst maintaining my deep respect for the sanctity of human life and dignity, I have extended my concern to ALL sentient beings. I now believe that it is abhorrent to kill, unless in exceptional cases such as euthanasia, or to cause suffering to any living creature for our own benefit. This means that I am now a dietary vegan and I will be boycotting leather, silk, wool, etc. in the future. I can no longer ignore my remorse at the large amount of suffering that I have caused, nor can I ignore what is happening in the abattoirs, in the laboratories, in the oceans, down on the farm and out in the field.

2. Whilst I will admit that saboteurs are not all paragons of virtue, I can testify that during twelve years of observing sabs active in the field, including six years of information gathering for the BFSS, I was treated with courtesy on most occasions, witnessed others being treated in a similar fashion and non-violent, effective tactics. I am fully satisfied that most sabs are altruists and that there is more than adequate legislation to deal with anyone, from either side, who threatens or uses violence.

3. British history is full of cases when people have had no option but to use non-violent direct action unless they wanted their grievances to be totally ignored by a self-serving establishment. The suffragettes were not deterred by prison and their modern counterparts, the sabs, the road protesters, CND, or any other group or individual who refuse to be patronised by the state are not going to abandon deeply held beliefs when they face the same historical fate. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill seeks to criminalise all those seen by the government as weak enough, unconventional enough or easy enough to brand as a threat to society to use as scapegoats for their incompetence. This endangers the civil liberties of EVERYONE and it obliterates the right to protest effectively, the right of freedom of movement, the right of freedom of association and the right to live in a way that differs from what the government thinks is normal. I suggest that people read this draconian piece of literature and consider its implications very carefully. I cannot maintain a position of neutrality in the face of such a vicious attack on civil liberties.

4. The instigators of the use of stewards in the field could not have possibly thought up a more effective way of raising the levels of violence to unprecedented levels. It seems rather too convenient that when sabs used the inevitable, time honoured mass hit tactic when faced with large, less than diplomatic hordes of "the lads",who dragged them off public rights of way under the aegis of the BFSS, that Mr Howard then launched his attack on the less powerful, less influential group involved in the resulting battles. I hope that I am wrong in assuming that this was the desired outcome of those who put the lives of hunting folk, stewards, sabs and police officers at considerable risk by their confrontational tactics, because if I am right then the ramifications of this bill are even more sinister. Once again I cannot turn a blind eye to this sort of manipulation and bullying.

I apologise to those who will feel betrayed by this change of heart, especially those who have had the decency and integrity to listen. I will never support the use of violence against people and I guarantee that past confidences will remain confidential.

Hunt Master Hospitalises Saboteur

Kettering Hunt Saboteurs news release 11th February 1995
A hunt saboteur was taken to hospital in an ambulance Saturday, February 11, after being ridden down by a Master of Foxhounds at a joint meet of the Fitzwilliam Hunt and the Woodland Pytchley Hunt at Chapel End, Great Gidding, Northants.

While walking along a public footpath near Little Gidding and causing no disruption to the hunt, a saboteur was confronted by DAVID REYNOLDS, Master of the Woodland Pytchley Hunt who rode his horse over him, causing serious internal injureis. The attack took place in full view of the police, who called an ambulance and the Tactical Support Group (TSG) to the scene. Some indication of police priorities can be seen from the fact that the TSG arrived some 20 minutes before the ambulance. Some hunt saboteurs were arrested when the TSG arrived, unlike Mr Reynolds who was allowed to calmly ride away from the scene.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police later claimed that 10-15 arrests had been made. In fact there were four arrests, of whom 3 were saboteurs and one a hunt steward. Saboteurs pronounced the day a victory as they had ensured that the two hunts between them killed no animals that day.

The injured saboteur has since been released from hospital following treatment but the incident has highlighted the brutality of those who get their kicks from blood.

This is the second violent attack in as many weeks involving the Woodland Pytchley Hunt which numbers Richard Otley (sheep exporter) among its riders. Other supporters of this hunt have been arrested for public order and assault offences and specific saboteurs have been targetted with threats of death and violence and have also suffered damage to vehicles.

Northamptonshire Police have admitted that they no longer have the resources to deal with this kind of problem. We hope that the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, which gets its second reading in the Commons on March 3rd will see an end to this barbaric excuse for a sport and none too soon.

HUNT THUGS GIVEN 12-MONTH PRISON SENTENCES

news release 10th March 1995
Two thugs from the Cheshire Foxhunt, a favourite hunt of Prince Charles, were given twelve month prison sentences at Chester Crown Court today after being found guilty last week of violent disorder. The two men, Geoffrey Park, 30, of The Elms, Tushingham, Whitchurch, Shropshire and Anthony Ronald Kirkham, 50, of Ridley Farm, Ridley, Cheshire had been charged after a vicious gang attack on saboteurs on Saturday 11th December 1993 in which their vehicle was wrecked and a woman was savagely beaten up. Both men have a track record of violence against protesters and Kirkham is said to have served prison sentences for grievous bodily harm and attempted murder.

Park and Kirkham were part of a ten-strong gang of hunt thugs, armed with pickaxe handles and coshes, who smashed up a saboteurs' van and beat up the occupants. A 24-year old woman who attempted to run for help during the attack was cornered by the gang, punched to the ground by Kirkham, and then kicked and beaten about the head and body as she lay on the floor helpless. She sustained two black eyes, damaged kidneys, and extensive cuts and bruising to her head and body in the vicious attack. The gang then dragged her back to the van and resumed their attack on the van, jumping on the roof and causing further damage to the exterior. While his friends were occupied in trashing the vehicle, Park climbed inside the van and beat up several of the occupants with a cosh.

Kirkham had already shown his propensity for brutal violence against saboteurs, in particular on Boxing Day 1992, when the

Cheshire Beagles met at The Poacher in Bickerton near Kirkham's farm. He beat a woman unconscious with a piece of wood and left her lying unconscious in a stream, where she had to be rescued by her fellow saboteurs, who called an ambulance. Her injuries were so severe she had to be airlifted to hospital by a helicopter yet police refused to arrest Kirkham. When her fellow sabs went to Nantwich police station to make statements identifying Kirkham as the culprit they were themselves arrested. Conveniently, all charges were dropped before the case reached court and no-one was ever prosecuted.

Despite these sentences, it is doubtful whether hunt thugs in Cheshire will be deterred from violent attacks on saboteurs: Kirkham certainly has not learnt any sort of lesson from his conviction. He was arrested at the Cheshire Hunt only yesterday after he rammed two saboteurs' vehicles and then rammed a car belonging to a passer-by who was not connected with the hunt or protesters. And this the day before he was to appear in court to be sentenced for one of his many other violent attacks on saboteurs! In another of several violent attacks on saboteurs at the Cheshire Hunt yesterday, a hunt supporter was arrested for threatening a saboteur with an axe.

It seems that thugs in Cheshire think they can have a free hand in attacking anyone who objects to hunting: the police must take firm action to crack down on these hooligans before someone else is killed in Cheshire.

Saboteurs are also calling on Prince Charles, who was hunting with the Cheshire as recently as last week, to stop endorsing this extremely violent hunt by refusing to ride with them until they cease attacking anyone who disagrees with them and expel the violent lunatics within their ranks such as Kirkham and Park.

Police turn blind eye as minkhunt yobs ambush saboteurs: 10 in hospital

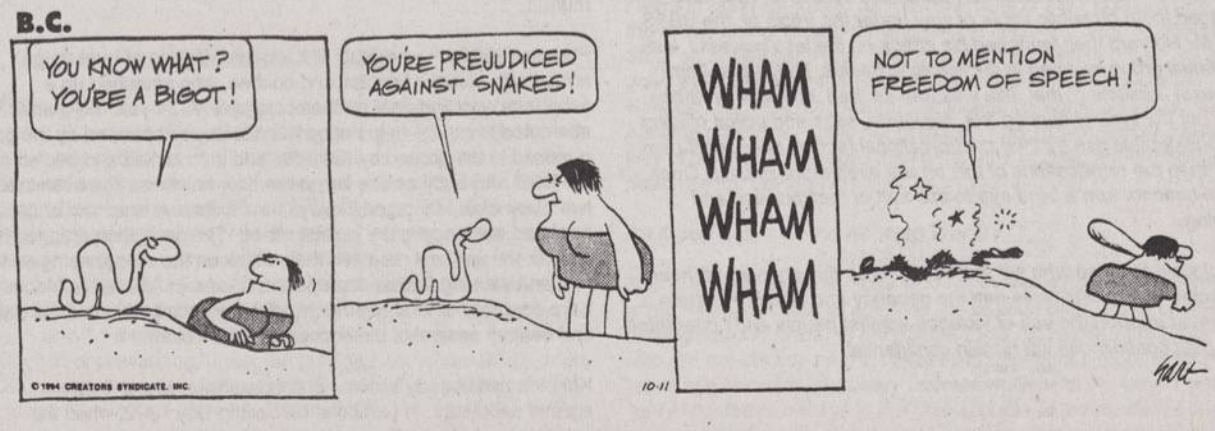
news release May 29th 1995

Ten saboteurs received hospital treatment in Dorset today after a terrifying ambush by hunt heavies at the Ytene Minkhunt. Twenty-three saboteurs had attended the hunt meet on the River Stour in Marnhull, near Shaftesbury, Dorset: only four escaped injury. One woman who was present said "It was like something out of a film ... it was just a bloodbath."

At about 1 p.m., saboteurs in the field spotted known thugs from the New Forest Foxhunt hiding in bushes. The 15 heavies, armed with sticks, cudgels, and a slingshot, immediately launched a sustained attack on the protesters. The attack started with a barrage of rocks the size of housebricks and the thugs then moved in to attack individuals. While some were beaten with cudgels, others were punched to the ground and kicked and stamped on. The thugs had been brought in specially for the day in what appears to be a carefully planned attack, resulting in serious injuries to several sabs. Ten of the injured were taken to Shaftesbury Casualty Department for treatment to a host of injuries:

* a Bristol woman treated for a broken wrist after she was stamped on as she lay on the ground
* a North Dorset woman treated for a weal on her left shoulder after being beaten with a heavy stick while another woman from the area suffered a dislocated finger
* a Cambridge woman had her camera smashed and was kicked and punched
* two men from Cambridge were treated for leg wounds after being hit by a 2-inch piece of lead shot fired from a slingshot
* a man from Bath had his camera and glasses smashed and sustained severe head injuries from being kicked and punched in a sustained assault so vicious he was left with a boot mark on his head
* a Peterborough man suffered a broken finger and heavy bruising to his back after he was repeatedly kicked and punched as he lay on the floor
* a man from Ross-on-Wye received two stitches in a vicious cut above his eye
* a woman from Bath had to be rushed to Yeovil hospital by ambulance after she suffered a severe asthma attack induced by the trauma of the attack. Two thugs stamped on her back as she lay helpless on the ground.
* a video camera and a van window were smashed.

Amazingly, it appears that the local police knew in advance that an ambush had been planned and took no steps to prevent it. There was just one officer present at the hunt, a PC Cotton from Blandford, who hinted to protesters that they should not go near the hunt as "there's more of them than you ... and they're twice the size". He then went on to say that "if anything happened ... I'm not going to be here to pick up the pieces." Just quarter of an hour later the thugs launched their attack and PC Cotton was conveniently nowhere to be seen. The Ytene Minkhunt have an appalling track record for violence of the worst order and while the police turn a blind eye to these sort of mob attacks there is little to deter them from the sort of hooliganism that would bring shame on any football club.



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Top English Huntsman arrested for assault

HSA news release Oct 7th 1995

Alistair Jackson, the southeast region press spokesman of the British Field Sports Society (BFSS), the pro-bloodsports lobby group has been arrested for assault after punching a saboteur to the ground at a cubhunting meet of the Cattistock Foxhunt. In a morning of violence, balaclava-clad thugs at the Crawley and Horsham Foxhunt in Sussex also smashed a saboteur van's windscreen.

Jackson spends most of his time when he's not killing foxcubs for fun loudly slandering saboteurs as violent thugs. Who are the thugs now then, Alistair?



The activist: Jill Phipps with son Luke

JILL PHIPPS died the way she had always lived, as a fanatical animal rights protester.

Unlike many drawn into the campaign against live animal exports, she had been a hardcore activist for years.

It was a cause for which she had nearly gone to jail and which brought her death, crushed under the wheels of a lorry carrying veal calves into Bagington Airport, Coventry, on Wednesday.

By TONY HALPIN

She, her mother Nancy, and sister Lesley, were once branded 'enemies of society' by a judge for their part in a raid on Unilever, in which equipment worth £14,000 was smashed.

Jill received a two-year suspended prison sentence at Leicester Crown Court in 1986.

Dramatic

Her mother was jailed for six months and Lesley received six months' youth custody. All three were convicted of conspiring to burgle.

Jill first took part in a demonstration when she was 11, joining her mother in a protest outside a fur farm.

A bright girl who excelled at English and Art at Lyng Hall School, Coventry, she turned her back on the chance of A-levels and a possible university career to leave school at 16.

Headmistress Jane McGinn recalled: 'She wanted to do something dramatic with her life.

'Jill was never going to end up doing something ordinary. She wanted to change the world.'

Jill, who was 31 when she died, left school in 1980 and took a job at the Post Office. She became involved with the Coventry Animal Alliance, a group of activists led by her mother.

Fellow activist Rob White, 22, recalled how she would travel around the country in a clapped-out van with a group of hunt saboteurs to protest against bloodsports.

'She was a real radical prepared to do anything for her cause,' he said.

In 1984, Jill married Alan Cockrill and she later gave birth to her son Luke, now nine.

The marriage broke up when Luke was a few months old and she drifted for a time, living in squats before being given a flat in a council block in rundown Hillfields, Coventry.

Five years ago she met Australian Justin Timson, who became her boyfriend.

Angered

Yesterday Mr Timson, a 26-year-old self-employed craftsman making didgeridoos, was heartbroken.

He and Jill travelled all over the country to animal rights protests.

'We were with a small group that waxed and waned in size,' he said. 'Lately the apathy of people really angered her.'

Now Mr Timson intends to look after Luke.

Woman is killed in veal lorry protest

By Michael Hornsby

A YOUNG mother protesting against the export of veal calves died under the wheels of a delivery lorry at Coventry airport yesterday, prompting the company involved to cancel livestock flights.

Jill Phipps, 31, who had a nine-year-old son, Luke, was crushed to death by the slow-moving lorry after she and three other protesters leapt at the cab. Her mother and sister, Lesley, who were among 40 people trying to obstruct the vehicle, saw the accident.

Police freed Ms Phipps, of Coronation Road, Coventry, and she was taken to Warwick Hospital but was dead on arrival. The three other people who tried to climb on the cab were unhurt.

Police said the demonstrators had ignored repeated requests to clear the road. The calves were to have been exported to Amsterdam.

Last night Phoenix Aviation, the air freight company operating veal flights out of Coventry Airport, announced it was cancelling all flights until further notice. John Bradshaw said: "We are all so shocked and upset at what has happened."

Gill Gates, a friend of Ms Phipps and a fellow protester, fought back tears as she described the incident. "Jill was just behind me. I turned around for a second and she was on the ground. I don't know if she slipped, fell or was knocked over by the truck. Police yelled for the truck to stop and it did but with the wheels on her body."

Ms Phipps's Australian husband, Justin, was told of her death as he prepared to stage an Anti-Nazi League concert in a local pub. Her sister was treated for shock.



Animal lover . . Dreadlocked Jill was committed to ending veal trade

By ANDREW PARKER

A WOMAN animal rights protester died last night after being run over by a lorry carrying live calves for export.

Jill Phipps — mother of a seven-year-old boy — was crushed by the wheels of the huge artic as activists tried to stop it reaching an airport.

Jill's mum Nancy and sister Lesley, 26, watched in horror as the lorry rolled over her after she tried to climb on to the cab. Police said Jill, 31, was in a group that dodged their cordon outside Coventry airport.

Two months ago she condemned five people who died when a cargo plane — leased by Coventry-based Phoenix Aviation to transport calves — crashed near the city. She said: "I don't feel sorry for the dead people. They are just as guilty as Phoenix's owner Christopher Barrett-Jolly.

"If he was not trying to get rich quick this would not have happened. This is all down to greed."

Last night Phoenix announced that all its livestock flights would be cancelled "for the foreseeable future."

Warwickshire Acting Chief Constable Chris Fox said there were about 40 protesters being marshalled by 70 police.

He said: "As the lorry approached, protesters moved towards it, despite repeated requests to keep back.

Awful

"The lorry slowed down and a woman tried to grab hold of the front of the cab. She appeared to slip and fell under the front wheels."

The dead woman's shocked pal Gill Gates said: "It was awful.

"A headstrong girl deeply committed to animal rights"

"Police yelled for the lorry driver to stop and it did, but the wheels were right over her."

Jill's uncle James Phipps said: "It is horrifying to think Nancy watched her daughter die."

But he said Jill had laid down her life for a cause she passionately believed in.

"She was a headstrong girl deeply committed to animal rights."

Jill lived with her Australian husband Justin and son Luke in Hillfields, Coventry.

Phoenix had flown out 500 calves a day to Holland and France until the air crash.

The Civil Aviation Authority halted the flights amid residents' protests that they were unsafe.

Flights resumed this week after Phoenix carried out a "proving" flight.

Phoenix spokesman John Bradshaw said last night: "We are deeply shocked and upset.

"We did not hire the lorry — we are just a link in the chain.

"In the past people have thrown themselves under the vehicles, but until now there have been no injuries.

"This is the sort of thing that one has always feared in the darker recesses of one's mind."

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

a space for discussion and analysis with the intention of furthering the work of the A.L.F. This issue: the role of prison justice work in the animal liberation movement

WHERE WE ARE AT IN TERMS OF PRISON JUSTICE

[For new readers: In September 1994, we decided to start expanding our prisoner support work to include general prison justice issues and supporting political prisoners who were incarcerated for actions not related to the A.L.F. In the last issue of Underground, in addition to publishing information about 12 prisoners incarcerated for alleged involvement in animal liberation activities, we also published information on: 2 prisoners incarcerated for alleged involvement in earth liberation activities, 2 prisoners incarcerated as a result of their work for indigenous liberation, 2 prisoners who are animal rights activists but are incarcerated on other charges, and several prison activists incarcerated in the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, OH.

"There is no question that support for political prisoners and prisoners of war should and must be an integral part of any movement for liberation. There is no question, that is, for people who have dedicated their lives to the struggle for freedom in this country and realize that it is not possible to talk about a movement for liberation if you fail to liberate people who are incarcerated as a result of that struggle for liberation." - Safiya Bukhari *

Our explanation for our desire to include prison justice as a part of the NA-ALFSG's work can be found in the last issue of Underground; we won't repeat it here. The articles by Little Rock Reed and "a field marshall" in this issue of Underground do much to expand on why we are taking that position. The following is our attempt to respond to the letters we have received since Underground #2 was published and to let our members know where we are at in terms of developing prisoner support guidelines.

In regards to the queries of why we are covering prison justice struggles and not other human liberation struggles, there are many reasons why we are making prison justice a priority.

Prison justice activist John Perotti comments, "the editorial by Eddie T [in Underground #2] was on time. It's not just the A.L.F. who needs to start focusing on their 'human' prisoners. With the spiralling growth of the prison industry and public attitude what it is, they're slowly imprisoning the majority of us, with no actions geared toward liberation." The increase in incarceration is so extreme that by the middle of the 21st century, if incarceration rates continue as they have been, then 1/2 of the US will be jail and the other 1/2 will be guarding those in jail. We avoid dealing with this issue at our own peril.

As people who support illegal direct action in a wide variety of movements, we find ourselves having first-hand experience of the need for prison justice. Members of our movements are in jail; more will end up in jail as time passes. This means that we must consider how to deal with jail, as a movement. If our movement is to be successful, we must rely on each other to do what needs to be done for the animals; can we rely on each other to do what needs to be done when we are kept in cages? If not, who can we rely on?

Personally, I would prefer to face imprisonment with some knowledge of how the prison system works, and how to fight it, than to face imprisonment in ignorance. People who are on the front lines of fighting the prison system (i.e. prison activists) are the people with the most to teach about prisons, in my opinion. So it is natural for us to connect with these people and work with them, and in doing so to become part of that struggle. And of course the issues are not unconnected; prison justice involves ending racism, homophobia, sexism, classism, and other forms of oppression.

The bottom line is that we know some animal liberation activists will NOT feel the need to work on prison justice struggles. We can't possibly dictate how the movement proceeds (nor would we want to!), but we can give our thoughts on where we feel it is productive to put our energies.

Having said that, determining guidelines around prison justice work as part of the NA-ALFSG's responsibilities is a very important issue, one that we have been struggling with. At this time we are still attempting to lay down clear guidelines on who will we support, and what support we can offer. The following may give you some idea of where we are at in the discussion.

What appears to be developing is a group that will work on general prison abolition/prison justice issues in cooperation with, but independently of, the NA-ALFSG. We have been reluctant to form another group, given that we don't want to split our energies too far between different groups. As time has gone on, though, we have come to believe that it would be easier and more efficient to have two separate groups, rather than try to radically change the NA-ALFSG's mandate. We recognize that the NA-ALFSG may not be the best vehicle for doing prison justice work.

This does not mean that the NA-ALFSG will stop supporting political prisoners. At this point, what we are looking at in terms of a draft NA-ALFSG prison support policy is:

- we will provide financial support, to the best of our abilities, to people incarcerated for actions that fall under A.L.F. guidelines
- providing publicity and letter-writing appeals for political prisoners who ask for our assistance, and working on clear guidelines for who we will assist in this way (i.e. what do we mean by "political prisoner"?)
- continuing prison justice education work in Underground so that people within the animal liberation movement are more aware of what is happening in North American prisons.

There are still a lot of questions about what Underground will cover--where to focus our energies. Some basic limits are clear. We don't have the resources to provide information on every political prisoner/prisoner of war within North America. We don't want to cover ground that is being covered by specific defense committees for certain prisoners (eg. the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee).

Underground may be the area where the NA-ALFSG and the emerging prison justice group can operate cooperatively but independently of each other. We are still discussing the idea of keeping a certain number of pages in Underground for prison justice issues--to be designed by the new prison justice group, in collaboration with the prisoners they work with. We want Underground to continue covering some of the specific issues North American prisoners and their allies are working on, from a prison abolitionist perspective.

At this time we are unable to provide full financial assistance to A.L.F. prisoners, and this must be the NA-ALFSG's priority over the needs of non-A.L.F. prisoners. At the same time, several of us within the NA-ALFSG see an urgent need for fundraising for non-A.L.F. prisoners. We will continue our fundraising efforts for these prisoners outside the NA-ALFSG.

As always, it is up to our members to decide to what extent they want to be involved in prisoner support, whether it be A.L.F. prisoners or other prisoners. Some of our members donate money to specific prisoners, some write letters regularly, and some do not become involved in that aspect of supporting the A.L.F.

As we said, the NA-ALFSG position on where to draw the line in terms of prisoner support is not yet wholly clear. Still, we hope this provides you with a better picture of where the NA-ALFSG is at in terms of answering the question of which prisoners we do and don't support.

Z. - Prison Justice Coordinator for the NA-ALFSG

** Quoted from "On the question of Political Prisoners", in*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Dear Friend,

I have finished studying the plethora of information in Underground #2, which I received two days ago! It is a splendid work.

I especially liked "The Legal Files", the Rod Coronado piece and the new "Prison Struggles/Justice Denied".

I think the support of prisoners other than animal activists is admirable, however, I don't understand which classes of prisoners we'll try to assist. When for example, I was in college in Boston (Massachusetts) an intruder into a woman's apartment told her to call the police, and then, while she was begging for help, he slowly slit her throat. I hope this man is still in prison and very miserable.

One thing I have trouble with is how to donate money (from Texas) or to buy periodicals. Can I always send a check in US dollars, on an American (US) bank? Are such checks easily negotiated in Canada and England? Other USA readers must have the same questions. Please give me some guidance in the next issue of Underground.

Sincerely,
A supporter

BEHIND BARS

Those of us here at Lucasville are pleased that the ALF-SG has taken the initiative to expand Underground into the area of human liberation -- including prisoners' struggles. Many people do not know it but prisoners' struggles evolved from the anti-war protesters and civil rights movement people who were imprisoned as a result of their actions. They had to adopt to this total authoritarian environment and carried the practices of direct action into the gulags by organizing work and food strikes to protest inhumane conditions. The movement attorneys worked toward defining prisoners' rights by expanding 42 U.S.C section 1983 Civil Rights actions (enacted originally during the Civil Rights movement to provide a federal forum for Blacks, as state courts were pro-KKK) to define constitutional rights for prisoners in an area where the Courts always maintained a Hands Off attitude. So it's only natural for the A.L.F. to continue this tradition. In Society's rapidly evolving War on Drugs, War on Crime and what is really a War on the Poor we must unite forces to fend off the attacks of the ruling class.

We would all have to be deaf, dumb and blind if we can't see the writing on the wall. The Prison Industry is becoming the USA's Number One industry, and has rapidly expanded into the service sector who provides services for all aspects of this growth. This country leads the Nation in the number of people imprisoned, and if we don't work together to stop this genocide we will all be in cages next to each other wishing we had taken steps to initiate direct action against this movement.

It never ceases to amaze me how our comrades will risk their lives and face countless years imprisoned to liberate our furry friends, yet their warriors who were captured and given decade-long sentences will be resigned to their own cages. I don't say this as an insult, or with lack of respect for the rights of animals, only that you have so many warriors confined to cages of their own that need tending to. In other countries various actions have been taken to destroy Control Unit and SuperMax prisons before they can be fully constructed. Yet here in the States you never hear of anyone blowing up a prison. Why is that? Prisons are tools of repression and slavery that all of us who have made a commitment face if captured. It stands to reason that they should be targeted for destruction before more of us are used to fill them up. Even career criminals have enough sense to make sure they pay off politicians and attorneys in case they should ever take a fall, why don't we carry that a step further and initiate attacks on the now being constructed Jails and Prisons?

It has been shown to us in the past that a handful of warriors can liberate an imprisoned comrade (Assata Shakur) if they set out to do so. Pretty soon there won't even be a handful of warriors out there, due to the increase of snitch lines, America's Most Wanted shows, and rapidly evolving technology utilized by law enforcement agencies worldwide. Committees formed to investigate the Lucasville Uprising [see Underground #2 - ed.] issued reports saying that each prison has a central computer to identify and track, even upon release from prison, those people who pose a threat to the security of the Country, including who "they" identify as members of the left, right, and gangs. This computer network will then be tied into a National Computer manned by law enforcement agencies who will have a wealth of information provided to them as to our habits, identification, histories, etc. Wake Up, Big Brother is upon us, and we need to organize against him now, before it's too late. Computers can be broken into and erased, this would be on way of stopping their plan. Be creative, just as you use Demon Dialers to tie up Furriers' phone lines, and packages filled with rocks, these same direct action tactics can be used on Prisoncrats and parole officials. Be Creative!!

The disease of Control Unit prisons is rapidly spreading. We have a national committee to monitor its growth and attempt to educate the public to stop the disease from spreading, but we need a revolutionary arm to STOP the cancerous tumors called Control Units that are presently in use. And you won't see our "Friends" (Quakers) being involved in THAT. So it is on you out there to organize to achieve this goal.

Remember -- WE'RE IN HERE FOR YOU.
YOU'RE OUT THERE FOR US.
REMEMBER ATTICA!
REMEMBER SANTA FE!
REMEMBER LUCASVILLE!!!

A Field Marshall

THE ANIMAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND MANDELA UNIVERSITY

by Little Rock Reed

I'd like to extend my appreciation to the Underground staff for your decision to focus on prisoners' struggles in your actions for liberation. And I'd like to share a few thoughts with those of you who may be opposed to supporting prisoners, or who may be unsure of your position on the issue. I speak to you as a relative who has spent over 13 years in maximum security prisons, at least 5 of which were solely and expressly for my speaking and writing about human rights abuses within the prison industry. I am writing this from a jail cell in New Mexico as I fight extradition to Ohio, where I am to serve 15 more years for writing about government atrocities against humanity and the earth. I am not alleged to have committed any crime--not even a misdemeanor--anywhere in this country. The government merely wishes to silence my voice. My situation is not unique.

There are thousands of political prisoners in the United States, and the numbers are increasing and will continue to increase so long as activists in the "free world" fail to focus on the issue and to educate the public about it--and to DEMAND government accountability.

There are also tens of thousands of innocent men and women in the prisons in this country, who aren't political prisoners per se, but who are social prisoners. Many of them are young and uneducated. Young, uneducated people are easy to process into the prison industry. They make good slaves. Collectively, the young uneducated innocent men and women doing slave labor in the prisons of the U.S. are making trillions of dollars a year for the power elite. I'm talking about innocent human beings. And the government-controlled mass media's propaganda has the blind sheep believing that crime is greater today than ever before (this is false; the crime rates are actually lower per capita than ever before in U.S. history) and that tax dollars are needed

to construct and maintain more prisons (another falsehood--prisons in the U.S. constitute the largest growth industry on the planet).

I believe that anyone who proclaims to be a social activist has a duty to educate themselves about the meaning and use of the criminal justice system and government tactics to destroy movements. If you fail to do so, you are a danger to those of us who are truly involved in the struggle. In this last issue of Underground, the author of the "North American ALFSG News" at pages 2-3, hit the nail on the head when s/he wrote:

We have GOT to wake up and stop denying/romanticizing what is happening. This wave of repression is not from a Hollywood movie, it is our movement's reality. We are not the first. This has happened to other movements. How many of us, though, have educated ourselves about police tactics used against the Black Panthers and other black liberationists, the American Indian Movement and other indigenous sovereigntists, the Puerto Rican independentistas, the Sanctuary movement, unionists, etc? We'd better open our circles wider than a narrowly defined animal liberation community, or we will not know how to prepare for survival.

For those of you who are willing to educate yourselves about the criminal justice system and prisons (materials suggested by the Underground staff in the November '94 edition are very informative), you will learn that crime and punishment play a very small part in the system, and that the police and prisons are being used primarily with conscious design to destroy your movement and all movements whose aim is to restore peace and harmony on this earth and to stop the exploitation of humanity, the earth and the animals. If you fail to recognize this and to act accordingly, you contribute to the destruction of your own movement, regardless of your good intentions.

And what of the prisoners who are guilty of having committed crimes? I say that they should be treated with dignity, and compassion as human beings. Many of them are young, uneducated, socially unconscious, with no direction. When these young men and women are degraded and dehumanized while in prison, they generally choose a direction that is filled with hatred, intolerance and violence, because it's all they know--thus more human suffering. Isn't this the very thing we want to eliminate on this planet? Until humanity is restored, it is ridiculous for us to expect humans to have respect for and honor our animal relations.

Human rights activists, environmentalists, animal rights activists--look at the overwhelming power that has been laid in our hands. Think about the hundreds of thousands of young people in the prisons today whose minds and hearts (having tasted the bitter root of oppression) are ripe for the kind of education we activists would like for them to have. Let's embrace them, support them, guide them, educate them, give them direction...

For those of you who haven't read the letter from Rod Coronado in the Nov. '94 edition of Underground, I urge you to do so. Rod is an example of the kind of person all prisoners can become while incarcerated if they are provided the opportunity and encouragement. It's up to us to guide them, to provide them with appropriate education and opportunity. The prison officials and policy makers certainly will not do it.

I can speak primarily from an American Indian standpoint, but this applies to prisoners of every race, cultural and ethnic background. Rod Coronado's values are rooted in the traditional teachings of his Yaqui people, where love and respect for all of Creation is a way of life. Rod is very fortunate to have experienced an upbringing in which these values were instilled in his mind and heart, and in which he was made politically and socially conscious. Many of the young prisoners today haven't been so fortunate. They generally enter the gulag with little or no knowledge of
political/social issues and activist movements. It is the ideal time to introduce them to these things, to educate them, train them, and to assist in transforming them into the kind of warrior Rod is--and which we need.

For the past ten years I've been actively involved in the struggle for the cultural and religious rights of Native American prisoners. (Indian religion is suppressed in prisons because the government knows that it espouses values that will not tolerate atrocities against humanity, the animals, the environment.) It is my experience that most incarcerated Indians become aware of their traditional ceremonies and teachings for the first time while incarcerated (the result of U.S. policy of forced assimilation and the outlawing of Native religions for the past hundred+ years). With access to traditional elders, spiritual leaders and traditional ceremonies and spiritual instruments, these young incarcerated relatives learn to respect and honor all of Creation and the animals as their relatives. As these traditional teachings and values, and spiritual strength, become instilled and expressed in the daily lives of the prisoners, they become morally strong, and their spirit speaks as Rod spoke when he said, "It is against my ethics as a human being to stand witness to atrocities against life without speaking out."

Look at the potential for expanding and strengthening your movement. If you stand beside prisoners and give them a voice--and continuing guidance and education--you will have allies and a continually growing movement as they are liberated to join you in the struggle to protect and defend the sanctity of all life.

Look at the potential. We should follow the example of Nelson Mandela. He was thrown in prison on Robben Island off Cape Town 30 years ago. Robben Island became know as "Mandela University", where young people were embraced, loved, educated and guided by Mandela and other revolutionaries. Today they have their country back and Mandela is the president of South Africa.

Look at the potential.

Hello at the NA-ALFSG,

I'd first like to thank you for sending the new Underground; we make stacks of them for distribution. We're really happy with your efforts in 1994 - North America hasn't had a steady ALFSG since the 80's and we hope you can be a permanent presence in the movement over the years to come. Undoubtedly a strong support group helps the movement grow and build new campaigns for the animals.

The reason I'm writing, however, is to offer some criticism that several of us here had with the new Underground's human liberation section. While it's a great idea to include both environmental and human rights news with each issue (because we're all fighting for the same thing), I think that your focus on prisoners can hurt the movement in two ways: by giving the wrong image of our priorities, and attracting the wrong types of people into our ranks.

If human rights are to be covered, why not present a clear cut case like campaigns against child abuse, rape or gay-bashing? Why not discuss groups who have new/effective ways to fight racism, sexism or corporate power? Spending several pages on prisons to the exclusion of other issues make it look like you are more sympathetic to those issues than others. Why is that a problem? Because many prisoners committed violent crimes that no compassionate person can support or justify. I'm not saying that prison reform is not an issue, or even that prisons are the solution to crime. But I really think that such a focus can give you the wrong image, an image that you care more about a murderer than a victim.

These criticisms are made with respect, love and support, so I hope you will not take them as an insult or an attempt at division. I just thought you might want some input on how Underground is seen by some of its supporters. The rest of it was 100% wonderful, and we'll certainly be distributing a lot of them through the mail, and at book shops and community centers in the area.

Sincerely,
R.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To the NA-ALFSG:

After having read P.'s comments on the AR-bombings in Britain and his suspicion that there might be a state controlled dirty-tricks campaign under way, I feel compelled to support this view.

I joined the AR movement in Britain 6 years ago and what I initially felt was paranoia on beha lf of some people overestimating their importance, I fully see now as being justified: the feeling of constantly being scrutinized, taped, surveilled and assest by state security. In those 6 years I experienced on many occasions to what length the state is prepared to go to deter AR activism even on the most minor levels. I witnessed a number of raids on activists homes (5 this year alone in Cambridge), we had at least two confirmed police infiltrators in our AR groups in Cambridge, we had mysterious break-ins in houses and cars, where diaries and similar things were removed, and parts of taped telephone calls were played to people during interviews. I personally was also surveilled for 4 months and my employer was shown results of this surveillance and talked to on two occasions. In addition, totally peaceful and non-violent, sophisticatedly planned actions to blokade Brightlingsea docks, for example, were busted by police, which proved that they must have been bugging a certain house, which was actually not connected to animal rights (in that the inhabitants were not AR activists but sympathizers). Two weeks later exactly that house was raided by police.

People were brutally manhandled and scared by police for no obvious reasons. I, for example, was put in a prison cell and questioned for 2 days allegedly because of a fire-bombing that happened hundreds of miles away and there was no apparent reason why I should have been involved, etc. In short, the police is very very interested in our activities, even in the most harmless ones and they try their best to scare and bully people in passivity. You can be sure that this list, as many other AR lists, will be monitored by police as well (incidentally that makes any honest discussion over the ethics of (fire-)bombings and the like impossible, at least if you are an activist who might face conspiracy charges at some stage in your life - and if you don't fully and whole-heartedly condemn any illegal acts).

Looking on historical developments in the late 60ties in Germany, for example, it is definitely a policy of state security to try to radicalize a movement in order to be able to justify (to the public as well as to the politicians who spend the money) draconian measures against the movement. For such means it has been an approved tactic to supply people with weapons and to start out with the initial attacks. Considering that so many of those Justice Department bombs were intercepted and no-one was ever seriously injured, I would not be surprised if they were police initiated. I also received a magazine (as did many other groups), which was sent anonymous and tried to incite its readers not to waste their time with animal liberation (including literally liberating animals in ALF raids), but to attack the animal abusers. Any other action would be a waste of time and resources. Many people felt, as I did, that this writing was not from within the movement, not the least because of its writing style, the little compassion even for animals it expressed, and the fact that about half the volume was used to smear other groups and individuals. Interestingly, all this bombing and radicalizing on the AR front coincides also with the Criminal Justice Act and other measures to curb peaceful protest. Again, I would be surprised if that was not a concerted effort on the side of the state to push the AR movement from a mass movement to a terrorist activity shunned by the public. I suggest we don't debate the ethics of bombings or any illegality for that matter, at all, since the consequence might be that someone, feeling strongly about it all, feels inclined to say something s/he might regret on a later date in the court room. Indeed, it might be wise to treat someone, who insists in discussing this topic, with care.

M.



N.A.-A.L.F.S.G. *LEGAL FILES*



It is impossible for us to keep track of all animal liberation-related arrests for civil disobedience or other forms of protest. Groups such as PeTA or the Network (see activist directory) may be helpful in this regard. The following is a partial list of arrests and convictions for actions that fall under A.L.F. guidelines.

SWEDEN

NOV 16/94: location unspecified --Two female activists, aged 17 and 18, were arrested for allegedly throwing a rock through a fur and leather shop window.

DEC 15/94: 17 year old female activist found guilty of damaging a fur shop window. She was given approx. $300 in a fine and ordered to pay the furrier approx. $350 to replace the damaged window.

JAN 19/95: 25-year old man arrested after letting animals out of zoo.

D.B.F. PRESS RELEASE:

According to Swedish TV news on Jan 19th, a 25-year old man had opened containers with acetylene gas outside a slaughterhouse in Östersund (town in the middle/centre of Sweden. No damage was made!

After that he went on to Frösö Zoo (on an island outside Östersund) and had opened cages with owls, foxes, wolves and lynx. He had tried to open the cages with tigers and lions, but failed. 10 foxes, 2 wolfs and around 13 lynx and a few owls were out. Some animals were later caught and some were shot dead by the zoo personel and police. At least 6 lynx and 1 or 2 wolves were killed.

The man was later caught by the police and arrested. The police says the man was confused and has psychological problems. At the arrest the man said he felt sorry for the imprisoned animals. The police don't think he's connected to any A/R group.

On Jan 20th Swedish newspaper report on that case, saying the man was mentally ill (schizophrenia) and had been let out from the mental hospital a couple days earlier. The night before he had ran naked around town in the cold winter night.

The 25-year old has now been transferred to the hospital.

REPORT FROM MICHIGAN: ACTIVISTS THREATENED FOR WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC

After an anti-fur demonstration in Birmingham, MI on December 26, 1994, three activists received summons in the mail for wearing masks in public. The masks were "death" masks -- hoods with skulls painted on them.

The three activists were arraigned and pled not guilty to the charges. They will be asking for a jury trial when the date is set for their case to be heard. The Michigan American Civil LibertiesUnion (ACLU) has accepted the case and will challenge the constitutionality of MI's state law prohiting the wearing of masks in public.

Michigan state law on masks, dating back to the 1950s, reads:

Chapter LVII. Masks and Disguises
750.396 Wearing masks or face coverings in public

Sec. 396. "Wearing masks or face coverings in public--Any person who shall assemble, march or parade on any street, highway or public place in this state while wearing a mask or covering which conceals in whole or part, the face of the wearer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided, This chapter shall not apply to the pranks of children on Hallowe'en, to those going to and from masquarade parties, to those participating in any public parade of an educational, religious or historical character and to those participating in the parades of minstrel troupes, circuses or other amusement or dramatic shows."

It's ironic that this law protects minstrel troupes...generallydefined here as "a troupe of comedians, usually white men made upas Negroes (in 'blackface') ..."[!]. It's also interesting that recently the KKK had a rally in Lansing (MI's capitol) wearing their hoods. All the police did about it was to approach them and tell them they were breaking the law, and asked them to removetheir hoods or they would be given citations. The KKK members thenremoved their hoods. The KKK apparently talked to the ACLU about this incident but the ACLU was not interested in promoting the KKK's case.

In a somewhat ludicrous postscript to the Dec. 26 demo, Michael Ceresnie, of Ceresnie & Offen Furs, presented a petition signed by more than 20 other merchants and managers in the business district to the Birmingham City Commission. They want "something done" about the animal rights protesters marching in front of Ceresnie's store. Ceresnie & Offen Furs was plastered with anti-fur stickers andposters on December 26. Commissioner Rex Martin, who is sympathetic to Ceresnie, said, "When the radical fringe groups come out, we need to know where we stand." Ceresnie stated: I'd like the cityto put some restrictions on these protests so normal business can be conducted. People were unable to walk in and out of our store." Poor baby...
information provided by a Michigan animal liberation activist

Omnibus Counterterrorism Bill S. 390 and H.R. 896

New FBI Charter to Investigate Political Groups

February 10, 1995 the Omnibus Counterterrorism Bill was introduced as S. 390 into the Senate and as H.R. 896 in the House. It was initiated by the FBI, and passed on by the Justice Department and the White House. Senators Biden (D-DE) and Specter (R- PA) initiated it in the Senate, Rep. Schumer (D-NY) and Dicks (D-WA) inthe House. It has bipartisan support and could get expedited action.

SUMMARY

THIS IS A GENERAL CHARTER FOR THE FBI AND OTHER AGEN CIES, INCLUDING THE MILITARY, TO INVESTIGATE POLITICAL GROUPS AND CAUSESAT WILL. The bill is a wide-ranging federalization of different kinds of actions applying to both citizens and non-citizens. The range includes acts of violence (attempts, threats and conspiracies) as well as giving funds for humanitarian, legal activity.

* It would allow up to 10 year sentences for citizens and deportation for permanent resident non-citizens for the "crime" of supporting the lawful activities of an organization the President declares to be "terrorist", as the African National Congress, FMLN in El Salvador, IRA in Northern Ireland, and PLO have beenlabelled. It broadens the definition of terrorism. The President's determination of who is a terrorist is unappealable, and specifically can include groups regardless of any legitimate activity they might pursue.

* It authorizes secret trials for immigrants who are not charged with a crime but rather who are accused of supporting lawful activity by organizations which have also been accused of committing illegal acts. Immigrants could be deported: 1) using evidence they or their lawyers would never see, 2) in secret proceedings 3) with one sided appeals 4) using illegally obtained evidence.

* It suspends posse comitatus - allowing the use of the military to aid the police regardless of other laws.

* It reverses the presumption of innocence - the accused ispresumed ineligible for bail and can be detained until trial.

* It loosens the rules for wiretaps. It would prohibit probation as a punishment under the act - even for minor nonviolent offenses.

IMPLICATIONS

* Those who remember the McCarran Walter Act will recognize this m bill, only in some ways this is broader and potentially more dangerous.

* This bill is highly political: the President can determine who is a terrorist and change his/her mind at will and even for economic reasons. The breadth of its coverage would make it impossible for the government to prosecute all assistance to groups around the world that have made or threatened to commit violent acts of any sort. Necessarily its choices would be targeted at organizations the government found currently offensive. People to be deported would be chosen specifically because of their political associations and beliefs.

* The new federal crime: international terrorism doesn't cover anything that is not already a crime. As the Center for National Security Studies notes: "Since the new offense does not cover anything that is not already a crime, the main purpose of theproposal seems

to be to avoid certain constitutional and statutory protections that would otherwise apply."

* While many provisions of this bill could well be found unconstitutional after years of litigation, in the mean time the damage could be enormous to the First Amendment and other constitutional rights including presumption of innocence and right to bail.

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ATTACKS AND INTIMIDATION: GRAND JURIES AS A TOOL OF REPRESSION

by Eli Rosenblatt, Prison Activist Resource Center

Reading Crescenzo Vellucci's excellent article on grand juries and the animal rights movement (see Underground #1), I was inspired to look more deeply into the way that grand juries have historically been used against our movements as a powerful weapon to repress activism and dissent. What I found, of course,is that someone needs to write a book on the subject. What I offer here,instead, is a slice of some of the more significant modern cases and pointers as to where to learn more. Apparently, the US government has used grand juries since its inception. In the late 1700s and in the 1800s, the targets included confederates, colonial dissidents, and activists in the labor, communist, anti-slavery and feminist movements. Much more has been written about the modern history of grand juries, especially as they have been used against militants in the various anti-imperialist and national liberation movements.

The Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) produced an essay in the early 1980s on "Collaboration and Non-collaboration" in which they detailed the repression against Puerto Ricans:

"In 1975, following the emergence of the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional) in the United States, several members of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party were threatened with subpoenaes, and one-Lureida Torres-was actually imprisoned for six months. In 1977-78, eleven persons-some associated with the National Commission on Hispanic Affairs of the Episcopal Church-were subpoenaed in New York and Chicago, and nine were imprisoned for periods ranging from three months to eleven months, for refusing to collaborate."

With the grand jury, the state built into its laws a mechanism to cover up its true motivations of quashing dissent and threats to oppressive institutions. By claiming some great threat to "public safety" or "national security" from "terrorist" activity, the state can imprison anyone who refuses to talk, anyone who won't provide information to the government about themselves or others. The Justice Department and intelligence agencies have thus targeted, disrupted, and caged numerous people in recent decades, simply for their opposition to US government policies.

The MLN goes on in its essay to detail the political basis for the repression brought down on the Puerto Rican independence movement. They describe how the US attorneys had an explicit rationale that "lengthy imprisonment of open, legal organizations and members which seek to mobilize public opinion in support of [independence]... is both a legal and valid way of pursuing the campaign against the independence movement."

In the summer 1984 issue of Breakthrough, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (PFOC) put together a brief chronology of recent political internment. Outlined in this piece were the cases of Puerto Rican, Mexican, New Afrikan, and North American anti-imperialists who refused to collaborate with grand jury investigations, and who were arrested and convicted of criminal contempt. In all, dozens of activists were jailed from several months to many years for not answering the questions of the grand juries. PFOC explained how these grand juries were (and are) a violation of basic civil and political rights:

"Many people think of the grand jury as an impartial body that reviews evidence to determine if criminal indictments should be issued. But the political grand jury is nothing less than an interrogation center without the bright light. You cannot have a lawyer present. The government is not required to inform you of the nature of the investigation, or whether you yourself are under investigation. There are no limits to the scope of their questions, which you are required to answer under threat of contempt. ...By standing behind those who refuse to collaborate, by refusing to cooperate in any government investigation, we begin to build an awareness of the State and its repressive goals."

In 1984, a grand jury was convened in New York which targeted the those in support of the Puerto Rican independence movement. One Euro-american woman who was subpoenaed and who did not collaborate, wrote a lengthy statement to the Grand Jury in which she explained her support for liberation movements everywhere. As was the case for many activists of the era, her opposition grew out of the movement against the US war in Vietnam, and in fighting fopeace and justice at home. Far from being alone, she was part of a much larger movement:

"Like any other person, I have no desire to go to jail. I might be much more fearful to take this step if I were alone, though I would still refuse to talk. But I know that I do not stand alone. That while I take this position of non-collaboration as an individual, I am part of a much larger struggle- a struggle for a humane and just society for all of our children. And if my taking this stand can enable even one other person to have the strength and conviction to say 'No, I won't collaborate' then I am happy to make this contribution."

In the January/February 1984 Guild Notes, Michael Deutsch and Dennis Cunningham wrote a piece entitled "Developments in the Judicial Art of Repression," in which they outlined not only the recent use of grand juries, but several other of the "panoply of highly repressive legal devices which involve further radical perversions of fundamental constitutional rights." They highlight the resubpoenaing of a number of activists who had already resisted grand juries, and done jail time:

"...and public statements have made it absolutely clear that they would never testify=8A [T]he government has no expectation of gathering evidence. Their intention is nothing more or less than the incarceration of political and community activists without any charge of criminal wrongdoing: this is political internment, American style."

The political targets of grand juries have, of course, not been limited to activists. One of the more famous recent cases of grand jury repression involved a New York/Philadelphia attorney who did about six months at the Bucks County Correctional Facility for refusing to testify against a client who was accused of being involved with a "revolutionary group that was storing a cache of arms and explosives=8A [to be used on] the United States Congress." That's how the New York Times put it on 15 February 1991, in their article on Linda Backiel titled, "Defense Lawyer is Jailed Over Client Confidentiality" Clearly, however, Linda's case was about more than simply attorney-client privilege. It was also about the government trying to break the will of a committed advocate for justice. In Linda's statement, she told the court, "*I became a lawyer because I believe in justice. To each and every one of my clients I say: 'you must trust me with the truth; I will defend you with all my wit and skill and integrity. I am your advocate. I will never betray you.*"

The government did not happen upon Linda's case and decide to pick on her, out of the blue. Linda was subpoenaed to a Grand Jury by a prosecutor who wanted to use her testimony against a client. The government had long known of Linda's opposition to US government policies, and to the use of grand juries in particular. She testified against grand jury abuses in Congress and hadwritten briefs about the

illegality of efforts to force lawyers to testify against clients. She had also appealed to the international human rights community to recognize the human rights violations committed by the US especially those committed against Puerto Rico and against political prisoners. Linda was targeted, as so many are, because of her effectiveness. She was (and likely is!) seen as a threat. Just our kind of lawyer, I'd say.

After acknowledging the inhumanity of jails and stating that she did not want to go to jail, Linda concluded her statement by affirming, *"...my dignity, and my commitment to my clients, which is my commitment to justice, are not intimidated by the threat of jail. Nor will a few months or even years in jail force me to exchange my ideals for a walk in the sun. Without dignity there can be no justice."*

So whether the target is community activists, folks doing direct action, or radical/progressive attorneys, the goal is the same. The government wants information. More than that, though, they want to scare us and all our friends, family, and neighbors into not carrying forward whatever urgent work it is we are doing that pisses off the powers that be. The numerous examples of people who've said NO to the government's scare tactics are so inspiring. We need to hear more stories of grand jury resistance. In my view, knowing the names and stories in the her/history of resistance to legal repression will help strengthen our movements so that we can't be bought or broken. Because we know that power and capital won't stop when this or that particular legal maneuvering ceases working. It may sound obvious, but I believe it deserves being said here: Defending our ideals, and indeed our communities will be as much about solidarity, and a keen awareness of those who came before us as it will be about knowing how to do a press release, trip a lock, or make a bomb.

HUNTER HARASSMENT" LAWS USED TO HARASS ACTIVISTS IN MINNESOTA...

Minnesota adopted a "hunters' rights" law in 1989. The law prohibits pickets or any other kind of anti-hunting demonstration, including singing, on public lands.

On November 12, 1994, over a dozen members of the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR) entered the Murphey-Hanrahan Regional Park in Scott County to protest the killing of wildlife by speaking directly to the bow-hunters. Ten activists then received mailed citations for four misdemeanor charges: "Hunter Harassment", "Disturbing Wildlife", "Trespass Harassment", and "Trespass in a closed park". The first three charges stem from the "hunters' rights" law.

This is the first time that the "hunters' rights" law has been used in Minnesota, and SOAR hopes it will be the last. The "SOAR 10" are using the citations to legally challenge the "hunters' rights" law in the grounds that it is discriminatory and unconstitutional, and that hunters should not have the right to close a public park. The "SOAR 10" face up to 360 days in jail and a $2800 fine if convicted.

information from SOAR pamphlet
Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR)
235 CMU, 300 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA
SOAR hotline: 612-624-0422

...IN MONTANA...

On the week of April 17, Court TV aired the "hunter harassment" trial of Montana activist John Lilburn. Lilburn was charged with Montana's "hunter harassment" law a few years ago when he spoke out against the sport killing of bison. A Montana court declared the law unconstitutional, but a higher court overturned that decision. At the time of press we had no news on the verdict.

from Internet posting by Fund for Animals
<fund4animals@igc.apc.org>

...AND IN MICHIGAN

"Michigan is a VERY pro-hunting state with many hunter-harassment laws to protect the 5% that hunt here." - a Michigan animal liberation activist.

A Michigan couple was arrested under Michigan's "Hunter Harassment" law after approaching a hunter who was on a neighbor's property. The couple intended to speak to the man about his hunting activities on the property. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff then "jumped out of the bushes", after waiting for over two hours for the activists to come out and say something to the hunter. Obviously a sting arranged between the hunter and the DNR, to entrap this couple.

In the end, the activists had the last laugh. The charges against them were dropped because, as it turns out, this hunter was hunting illegally--he was too close to an occupied building.
information from a Michigan animal liberation activist

AND FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS

Ohio and Connecticut repealed their "hunters' rights" laws after challenges from animal liberation activists.

TED NUGENT SHELLS OUT BIG BUCKS AFTER DEFAMING ANTI-HUNTER!

DETROIT - Rock star and hunting advocate Ted Nugent has settled a defamation lawsuit stemming from a WRIF radio interview, agreeing to pay $75,000 to the plaintiff Heidi Prescott, National Director of The Fund for Animals.

On the November 19, 1992 morning talk show, only weeks after a Michigan anti-hunting protest organized by Ms. Prescott and The Fund for Animals, Mr. Nugent made several false statements about Ms. Prescott.

"Ted Nugent is one hunter who shot himself in the foot," says Patricia Stamler, Southfield, Michigan-based attorney for Ms. Prescott. "We feel that our client's reputation, which was deeply tarnished by Mr. Nugent's patently false comments to the public, is on its way to restoration."

WRIF, a Detroit radio station which was also a defendant in the suit, settled out of court last year for a sizable sum, but Nugent settled just three days before the case was scheduled to go to trial.

"The Nuge is accustomed to attacking defenseless animals who do not have a fair chance to fight back," declares Ms. Prescott. "This time he took aim at the wrong target."

Ms. Prescott vows, "Ted's money will go far to fight hunting and to protect animals."
from Fund for Animals press release, April 4/95
For more information, contact Heidi Prescott at 301-585-2591

Nugent on guard

Rocker Ted Nugent says he has been the subject of death threats from animal rights activists over his avid promotion of animal hunting, which the singer claims keeps the balance of nature and land. He says he has been stalked in several cities by activists and has beefed up security on his latest tour.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT PRISONERS

* Prisoners REALLY appreciate mail. It is often the only link they have to the outside world.

* Prisoners also appreciate money. Some prisoners can receive money sent directly to the jail; others cannot. Your best bet is to send money to one of the SGs, *clearly* marked "for (name of prisoner)". The SG can then pass it on to the prisoner in whatever form is necessary.

* Some prisoners can get other items sent to them in jail, eg. postcards, stamps, letter paper, envelopes, photos, books, clothing. Write the prisoner and ask what they can be mailed. Regulations vary from jail to jail.

* Buy magazine subscriptions so prisoners have reading material. In most cases, the magazine will get through if it is sent directly from the publisher.

* At certain times, in certain cases, letter-writing appeals may be requested. Often prisoners ask that letters be written to newspapers, state officials, or prison officials, to protest treatment of the prisoner or to protest a sentence. Again, the SGs are the best way to find out what letter-writing campaigns are currently happening.

This is only a general list. Individual prisoners may have needs above and beyond the points listed here. Your best bet is to write the prisoners themselves and ask what you can do for them.

Prisoners are frequently moved, occasionally released, and there are often people going in and out of jail on short sentences. It is best to contact the prisoner support groups that exist for up-to-date information.

The UK A.L.F. Supporters Group and the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group can provide you with updated info on each animal liberation prisoner.

UK-ALFSG: BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, England
NA-ALFSG: PO Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St. Willowdale, Ont. Canada, M2M 4K3

PRISON AS INDUSTRY

by Lise Olsen, recently released animal rights activist

Prison. We tend to think of it, if we think of it at all, as a remote place in which dangerous violent persons who threaten our safety and way of life are contained. It is a place totally beyond the pale, out of the public eye. We are shocked when we read about the abuse of innocent people imprisoned in "foreign countries". The very foreignness of those distant countries is what enables us to be so righteously shocked. I was the same. I wrote many many letters on the behalf of prisoners of conscience persecuted in countries not my own. I was aware, as were most educated persons I knew, that human rights violations were going on, justified as punishment by "criminal-justice systems", in the former Soviet Union, Peoples Republic of China, Burma. I knew that the general population in Nazi Germany had said they "didn't know"; I also knew how self-righteous Americans (U.S.) could be in criticizing them for that "excuse". But I was totally unaware of the law-and-order-out-of-control, the imprisonment binge on the rampage in my own country, until I, a political prisoner, fell into the grip of the monster, the American penal system, myself.

The state in which I am incarcerated is Illinois. A state in which imprisoning non-violent people, charging taxpayers for their incarceration and attempting to thwart any efforts at rehabilitation is a multi-million dollar industry. The aims of this arrest-conviction-incarceration are two-fold: imprisonment and recidivism. I have now been in prison 6 1/2 months, and in this time I have interviewed hundreds of fellow-prisoners. The average middle-class taxpayer would be amazed to know what petty "offenses" or violations of the law eat up his tax dollars in order to pay the $25,000 per annum per prisoner that the Illinois Department of Corrections [IDOC-ed.] receives. Driving on a revoked license, one year in prison. This works out to six months in prison and six on parole. With the two 3-month periods of "good time" legislated by the state awarded to the prisoner, in actual fact there is no time to be served. Inasmuch as the IDOC cannot receive the actual payment until the prisoner has been incarcerated sixty days, therefore the inmate will be kept in prison sixty days so that the money can be collected. During that time the person cannot take care of her rent, loses her job and cannot pay her bills. Not one bit of "rehabilitation" is offered the prisoner. The objective is to exhaust her bank account, leave her jobless, disoriented and emotionally distraught and (hopefully) to get her to take to a life of crime, prostitution, retail theft and drug addiction. Having shattered a responsible lifestyle, the objective of recidivism becomes much more likely, along with the tempting prospect of another $25,000 when the "offender" is incarcerated the next time round.

Would you like to be imprisoned for the theft of three watermelons and a gallon of milk? Impossible, you say. Not in the United States, the land of the free, not in Illinois, the land of Lincoln. Yet my roommate in Dwight Penitentiary was serving a one-year sentence for exactly that. Her problem, kleptomania caused by a loveless, arranged marriage, was being treated by psychiatric counseling. Having once been arrested for stealing a carton of cigarettes while in a fugue state (she didn't even smoke), she was given probation. She never missed a probation date, yet stole again, again in a fugue state, and was arrested a second time for the watermelons-and-milk. Next followed a two-year period on bond in which therapy continued, no court dates were missed and no violations occurred. Despite selling her home to pay a $35,000 legal fee, her sentence was a year in prison. Her psychiatrist's testimony that the psychological trigger to the retail thefts was resolved as well as the proof of her own behavior for two years on bond made no difference. How could it in a court where the conviction rate is 99%?

A 99% conviction statistic already tells us that something is dreadfully wrong somewhere. True, media and our own eyes show us every day that our society is violent, drug-ridden and dangerous. Yet even given the fact that violence, generalized, gang-related and domestic is on the up-swing, 99% conviction is too high, too unbalanced. Even in childbirth there is a 50-50 chance of male or female babies. So how do so many convictions occur? And why, if they are occurring, does violent crime in our country never seem to be reduced? Are the means meeting the ends, or are the wrong people going to prison?

As in any dictatorship, conviction is a virtually foregone conclusion when a person is arrested. This is a fact so abhorrent to the American public that they are in complete denial about it. The media promotes the conspiracy by providing the current diet of tabloid journalism. Gone, seemingly forever, are the days of fair, investigative reporting. "The strength of the vampire lies in the fact that no-one will believe in him," it states in Bram Stoker's Dracula. Who would believe that our "democratic" government is the author of a conspiracy to set people up for lives of ignorance, poverty and petty crime, to paint them as dangerous criminals in the media and then to imprison them as a subterranean slave-class for which it is paid so-much-per-head by the middle class, who is kept in the dark about the reality of the situation and who wants to be kept in the dark about it, in order to maintain their illusion of safety and normalcy in their own everyday lives?

My own case provides a typical example of how the destruction of a life can be accomplished in order to assure incarceration and collection of

the annual fee. The one difference between myself (thus far) and those who have no savings, education or financial backup is that I do have resources and a profession with which to reclaim my life after prison, difficult as that will be to do. Even if my profession is taken from me, as is certainly the State Attorney's desire and design, I should still be able to re-enter the work force in some other sphere, thus thwarting the recidivist-goal. The vast majority of prisoners can not.

How did I get from being a "respectable" member of society, a registered nurse and nurse-practitioner, to being fuel for the prison industry mill? By challenging the system of money which is the lord of the United States society. As an animal rights activist, the only one imprisoned in the United States, I challenged the vested interests of the fur industry. Although this article is not really about me per se, my case serves to illustrate the operation, built on a network of deceptive practices, of the prison industry conspiracy.

Deceptive practice #1 requires an arrest. As Americans, we are adverse to admitting that any person not actually fleeing from police can be arrested without a warrant. Yet it happened to me. Not only was I not fleeing anywhere, I was in my bed at home. Deceptive practice #2 requires a confession. The antidote to this practice is refusing to talk to the police under any circumstances until your attorney arrives. The difficulty here is that many people may not have a criminal attorney to call upon. Or they may be so innocent of any wrong-doing, as I was, that they openly and earnestly speak to the police in order to explain the reality of
the situation. In my case, I explained how four months earlier I had attempted, on the U.S. Independence Day, to illuminate a large "Freedom" banner (red-white-blue) hung over a steel railway overpass viaduct on which pro-fur advertising was painted. This banner was to be illuminated with 21 home-made gas lanterns affixed in metal holders, the idea being to make a 1776-style display that could last for five minutes, long enough to take a photo for the media. Only one lit, though, burned with a small flame as designed, and went out on its own, candle-style, when the fuel was consumed. The festive display did not work and I, discouraged, had collected my banner and gone home, leaving the lanterns along with all the spent rockets and firecrackers lying about everywhere. The detective listened sympathetically; however, even he was telling me that he now understood that this was just a fourth of July anti-fur protest and he wasn't "going to make a big deal out of it", he was writing down that the lanterns were "Molotov cocktails designed to blow up the whole bridge" and that I (Lise Olsen) had "signed a confession to arson". This lying statement, common to most arrests, is witnessed by nobody; in my case, the detective also told the media and the Grand Jury the same pack of lies. Not until my trial almost two years later, when confronted by my attorney to produce his "signed confession", did he admit that he had "made an error" about it.

Armed now with an arrest and a "confession", and with the States' Attorney and trial judge on his side, as well as the Director of the Department of Corrections, it is easy to move on to the next deceptive practice, which ensures conviction. This process is two-fold and requires manipulation of evidence and discreditation of the defendant's character. Both are easy to accomplish and are set up, at some point during the multiple continuances that make salaries for detectives, court clerks, bailiffs, sheriffs and judges each time one occurs (taxpayers paying all the while, of course, as well as the defendant, exhausting more of her savings with every appearance, missing more time from work and generally setting the stage for the depletion of resources that is the basis of the desired end-goal, recidivism), in a conference called the "402". It is at this point in the proceedings, which can be over a year after the arrest yet is always prior to the trial, that plea-bargains occur. One must remember that many defendants, unable to pay astronomical bonds, are in jail all this time, under conditions of dire privation. So plea-bargaining is a great temptation. The positive side of the plea-bargain, in theory, is
that the sentence will be lighter in return for a guilty plea. I, however, was not offered a plea-bargain: I was asked to plead guilty to the same contrived felony counts I had already been charged with (possession, manufacture and transportation of incendiary devices, attempted arson plus unlawful use of a weapon, in my case meaning possession of more than three tablespoons of gasoline). In the "402 conference" a little stage play is enacted between judge and States' Attorney -- depending on the level of collusion, they can dupe even an experienced criminal attorney completely. This is because promises are made in this conference (defendant is not permitted to participate, of course), that are never put in writing. The entire process is based upon honesty and trust.

In my 402 conference the States' Attorney maintained that I should be given a prison sentence; he was "morally outraged" by my protest action which caused no injury nor property damage. So the judge pointed out that this "offense" was probationable and that he could hardly imprison a person who had caused no harm. The States' Attorney then begged for 6 months in Cook County Jail: the judge again pointed out that such a sentence was disproportionate to any damage or injury done. This act led my attorney to believe that we had a realistic chance of justice at my trial, which we then decided to go for. Unfortunately my attorney failed to see beyond the act.

This leads to the point of manipulation of evidence. Again, my trial serves as a good example, worthy of the former Soviet Union. Yet thousands of trials contain these same elements. Paid informers can provide "eye-witness" testimony, for example. Introduction of testimony from a previous offense in which the defendant was acquitted can be allowed. Because the judge is in a position of complete omnipotent power, nothing can be done to acquit an innocent person if he assumes, or in a sense becomes, the States' Attorney. It is comparable to the situation when the government turns military artillery against the people. When tanks enter the streets, the populace doesn't stand a chance.

In my trial, manipulation of evidence (over my attorney's objections) included: admission of testimony by a security policeman against me for a rescue attempt of two cats from the research lab at the hospital where I was employed, although the attempt had failed and the charge against me had been dismissed. Not only dismissed, even legally expunged. Surprise, though, the expungement order had never been carried out and fingerprints on the lanterns, an action done not-secretly but in full view of all fourth of July holiday-makers around and noticed, presumably by any and all policemen driving by to and from the police station one block from the railway overpass, were matched with the "expunged" record. That is what led to my arrest four months later, without a warrant. Now, at my trial, the security policeman was asked to testify against me in a case that was legally expunged (equal to never having existed) when he had never done that even in the first case. Another manipulation of evidence included bringing my lanterns from the police warehouse in plastic bags, each labelled BOMB in big red letters, and placing them in a ring around the courtroom for the jury to see. It was also permissible for the jury to see large color photos of the lanterns removed from their original dangling positions (over the billboard) and lined up along train tracks with a train coming towards them. It was also acceptable to deny an actual video made by my expert witness, a renowned explosives consultant for the military, of a replica lantern alight. Needless to say, when the arresting detective was forced to admit that he had made an "error" in his Grand Jury statement about a signed confession, the judge never charged him with perjury. The fact that I was arrested without a warrant on an expunged record were also totally acceptable. Testimony against me from the previously dismissed "cat" action was sanctioned as showing "intent of previous Crimes" (note plural).

This leads to the important point of character defamation, a tremendously effective deceptive practice vital to obtaining convictions and imprisonments. Popular thinking is that only poor blacks suffer from this, yet is a vital element in the conviction and imprisonment of everybody. It was held against me, in particular, for example, that I am a registered nurse. The most outrageous thing about my Independence Day protest seemed to be, in the eyes of the judge-and-States' Attorney, that I, Lise Olsen, had betrayed my race, my class and my education by challenging a monied industry, one similar to the industry in which they are involved. What the fur-bearing animals are to the fur industry, defendants are to the prison industry: fodder. It was clear that my education was totally held against me, as evidenced by the judge's statement when a motion to dismiss was filed on the basis that I had never been given the Miranda warnings (whatever you say to the police can and will be used against

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you -- what this actually means is, don't open your mouth at all, because if you speak at all, totally different things will be written down and used against you in court). The judge ruled that it was just the detective's word against mine, but even if I had not been read my rights, it didn't matter because I had a high level of education and should have known them anyway. This kind of discrimination against me, as an educated person, or "intellectual" as it is known in other countries, colored my trial, sentencing and conviction. The court-and-prison system are designed to prevent the defendant from ever speaking in his/her defense. This aids the defamation of character deceptive practice tremendously. A typical example of this occurred at my sentencing: having been offered probation by the trial judge at the 402 conference I openly and honestly filled out the probation forms done with me by a probation officer. This included revealing the name of the last place I had worked, a clinic in which six employees were fired when a patient treated us to an after-work champagne toast on New Year's Eve after the patient care was concluded. Almost all employees appealed this summary mass firing at Unemployment Compensation. At my own hearing, the company's witness against me said nothing worse about me than that I had "tasted one sip of champagne". This was distorted by the States' Attorney at my sentencing into my being fired "for being drunk on the job". The States' Attorney is under no accountability whatsoever to say anything truthful or accurate about the defendant -- and yet the defendant is totally not permitted by the structure of the court system to defend herself; she cannot speak in order to refute such slanders. Thus conviction is assured.

Having explored the legally-sanctioned deceptive practice of warrant-less arrest, introduction of material from expunged/dismissed cases, fabrication of evidence and character-assassination, it is time to address the ultimate goal of the industry conspiracy, recidivism. Having assured conviction and the longest possible prison sentence, justified in my case by making an "example" of me since one could hardly claim damage or injury done, and any potential for same was totally refuted by the testimony of the expert witness, the government is assured of a healthy income from the taxpayers for the inmate for several years. based on any claims of endangerment that the States' Attorney feels inclined to write in his Official Statement of Facts (a document required by law, allegedly to furnish the Department of Corrections with the "facts and circumstances of the offense" which in actual fact contains personal opinions, animus and lies), a prisoner's actual time in prison can be extended enormously by denial of work release, electronic detention or meritorious good time. But eventually the prisoner will have to be released. Now it becomes imperative for the perpetuation of the prison industry for new charges or cases to be brought against the prisoner, whether on parole or before. One can do this by waiting to serve any outstanding warrants until she is coming right out of the prison door, giving her no chance to go to court and solve things while already in prison. Fabricating reasons for indictment at FBI Grand Juries is another good way. And there are other ways too, all of which can commence while a first sentence is being served, in preparation for having a second one.

The first way is to set up a prisoner while she is still in prison to insure that she will be totally uneducated and unprepared to support herself in society in a meaningful way when she gets out of prison. Contrary to popular belief, educational opportunities are minimal in prison. That some exist is because it is necessary to maintain the popular myth in the public eye that prisons are "rehabilitative" in nature. Government, however, is working hard to make sure that rehabilitation does not occur, and this can be accomplished in several ways. One is by vetoing money to fund education, the grant called the Pell Grant in the United States. This cancellation of federal money for prison education has already been accomplished in the U.S. under the new Crime Bill. Sentences will be longer too -- 85% of time now requires to be served rather than 50%. Prisoners can wait 4-8 months just to get into a GED (high school substitute) program, meanwhile wasting vast amounts of time assigned as janitors, playing cards and watching endless amounts of television. Giving prisoners free cheap cigarettes or arrival (even those who are fighting to be assigned to non-smoking cells) and stocking the commissary with every sort of junk food while making constructive items like sewing kits, manila envelopes and school folders rare contributes to the goal-less lifestyle. Certain prisoners are eligible to receive time off their sentences for going to school, but it is easy to make sure that the person won't complete her contract (certain amount of time required to be in school in order to accrue these "good days") by transferring the prisoner to another prison before her contract is completed. Another effective method is to accuse the prisoner or almost anything (sticking out her tongue playfully in a joke can be called "sexual misconduct", tossing a half-pint of milk in play "assault"), write a "disciplinary ticket" on her (guilt of whatever the "charge" is is decided prior to the mock "hearing" that follows the ticket) which will lead to her being locked up in "segregation" (solitary confinement 23 hours a day, unfortunately with another prisoner, overcrowding being what it is). If a prisoner is attacked by another, both go to "seg". After four classes are missed (easy to arrange since people are always being sent to "seg" for weeks), the prisoner is expelled from class and all "good time" is lost.

Needless to say, the token "state pay" that each prisoner is given in order to buy necessary personal items from the commissary is lowest for students -- a miserable $10 per month. Therefore, for those unfortunate enough to be entirely dependent upon state pay, going to school is not a high priority compared to competing for a non-student assignment that could pay as high as a whopping $30/month.

It is also important to make it difficult and arduous for prisoners to get to the library or to typewriters or to xerox copiers. The original typing of this article is a marvelous testimonial to that. So if a prisoner achieves any education while in prison, it is due to her own intiative and determination in spite of the obstructiveness of the system, not because of all the opportunities offered to her.

So uneducated she came, uneducated she returns. Being just where she was when arrested originally, uneducated, without savings (any she had went to attornies' fees and court costs, plus paying life expenses for her children while imprisoned), she is much more likely to return to her former ways of making money and former associations than if she was not actually prepared to assume a role in the mainstream work force. Of course, the court records may be viewed by anyone wishing to hire her, alongside with the slanderous Official Statement of Fact. Who would want to hire anyone deliberately depicted by the States' Attorney as being the most horrible criminal on earth?

The Official Statement of Facts has been a major weapon both in terms of ensuring that prison sentences are as long as possible (if it serves as a tool for preventing people from going to work release, then it maintains them in the meaningless limbo existence of the prison and keeps them from working gainfully and/or going to school in the outside world, where they would be able to complete their classes without the constant threat of being transferred to another prison or going to "seg" over their heads), and keeping people from getting productive jobs once out. Because it is so biased and harmful to building a meaningful life and future, it has been challenged legally several times. Despite claims by prisoner-plaintiffs that the States' Attorney has no accountability to anyone in terms of what he writes (true), the court ruled in 1946 and again in 1973 that the official statement of facts of an individual's case imposes no limitations on the States' Attorney, that although it is is mandated by law that the "statement be transmitted to the institution to which the defendant is committed to furnish it with the facts and circumstances of the offense...which may aid the department during its custody of such a person" that it is also allowable for the statement to contain opinions and recommendations as well. Since these are of course going to be very negative, the "facts" will only serve to condemn. Furthermore, the Act which describes the content of the Official Statement (Illinois Revised Statute 1971, ch. 108, par. 203) was revised in 1973 (West's Illinois Court Decisions, 194, 628 N.E. 2d 370, page 873), thusly: "The legislature removed the trial judge from the process...and placed in his stead the defense counsel, thus giving the State and the defendant the opportunity to submit statements to Illinois Department of Corrections in an attempt to achieve some objective balance between the statements offered by the real parties in interest." However, the Department of Corrections does not even include the defense counsel's statement in the prisoner's file -- it is discarded once submitted, thus rendering it valueless when making any decisions about the prisoner's life that would require an "objective balance". Nor is it included in the court record that future employers may examine when they decide whether to hire an ex-convict or not. The Official Statement is also used as a perpetual justification in denying extra good time (different from school "good days") for which some prisoners are eligible. Even the lowest class of felony can be denied this good time based upon any allegation of endangerment the States' Attorney feels motivated to include, while Class X offenders convicted of "violent crimes" can receive it if the States' Attorney has no personal agenda to pursue against an individual prisoner via his "Official Statement".

Because of the political agenda against me in making an"example" of me as an animal rights activist, I, a Class 2"offense" called "Possession of Incendiary Devices" was denied the extra good time I was eligible for, when Class X offenders who had actually done bodily harm or property damage received it. Moreover, the Department of Corrections insisted upon entering the charge against me in their computer as "Possession of Explosives" because that happened to be in the same statute although I had not been charged or convicted of that. In spite of an Appellate Court order to remove the prejudicial "Possession of Explosives" from their computer, which had justified denying me a transfer to a minimum-security prison where one could visit with relatives in a relaxed way and go to the library as in the normal world, IDOC defied the court order and let the frightening and volatile word "explosives" remain.

In some instances, due to a prisoner's determination to help herself in spite of the agendas the system has against her, she acquires a marketable skill while in prison and later succeeds in getting a job. How to assure recidivism now? By placing so many obstacles in her path as she attempts to rebuild her life that she will get caught in some sort of wrong-doing and thereby be sent to prison again. This is quite simple to accomplish. Take, for example, the case of a single divorced mother who was renting part of a house for herself and her two children. They had lived there a year, the children were in school and the mother's beautician license bore the address, naturally, where they were residing. The owner of the house who rented out the flat was engaged at the time she and her children moved in. But during the course of the year, his engagement was broken off. One night he appeared in the woman's room and said she would have to sleep with him in order to go on living there. The next day she took her children and herself to her ex-husband's apartment to stay temporarily, then returned a few days later to move their belongings. Two months later she was arrested for residential burglary. The man from whom she had rented had charged her with stealing his computer discs. Although she did not possess a computer, she was arrested. And she convicted herself, just as I did, through her naivete in speaking to the police without an attorney present. Remember Deceptive Practice #1? I told I had made lanterns to light up a banner. She admitted she had moved her belongings from her own address. Was her name on the lease? No. She remained in the county jail 1 1/2 months, unable to post bond, observing how many continuances everyone went out on, to court, and how interminable the proceedings were before one was able to get to trial. Unable to be away from her children, she plea-bargained with a guilty plea -- and got 2 1/2 years in prison. This adds up to 9 months of actual time, but at least she was able to make arrangements for their care before going away. However, she ended up with a felony conviction for moving her own belongings from her own address. Another $25,000 of the taxpayer's money into the pocket of the State. Mission accomplished!

Another simple technique to send innocent people back to prison is by planting drugs on them. One woman I met in Cook County Jail had been to prison "four times, unfortunately", as she stated ruefully. Her problem, a heroin addiction of many years, had finally been conquered over by participation in a drug rehabilitation program. At last she had her own apartment and a job in a restaurant, and was on the verge of bringing her children to live with her, after relying for many years on help from her own mother. Because of her history, the neighborhood police recognized her easily. One day, riding home on her bicycle from visiting a person to whom she had lent money and to whom she had gone to get it back, the police "pulled her over". Why? Because the person whom she had visited sold drugs. She told me that everyone in her neighborhood was in some way involved with drugs; just because she visited someone did not implicate her though. The police searched her beside her bicycle, in full daylight -- nothing. Suddenly the police picked up a "rock" of cocaine from the grass, saying it was hers. Although she was a heroin addict and did not use cocaine, this "evidence" was enough. Busted. Loss of job. Loss of apartment. Loss of children. Prison.

Probably the most useful tool of the police in the recidivism crusade is a person's "history". No matter how exaggerated or fabricated this history is, even if it involves a dismissed case legally expunged, as mine did, one is automatically guilty of anything and everything the police wish to charge one with based upon any previous arrest. It is best if new cases can be fabricated even before one finishes the current prison sentence. In my own situation, this was especially easily accomplished by the "smear-technique", what in childhood we called "name-calling". It is a myth that one is innocent until proven guilty. Consider the example of the McCarthy era and the witch-hunt and destruction of lives that ensued by merely calling people "communists". Because I am an "animal rights activist", a legally dismissed and expunged case was allowed into evidence in a court of law in order to show the jury my "intent of previous crimes",or political ideology. Because I am an animal rights activist the States' Attorney called me a "terrorist" in court, after the judge had ruled that this prejudicial word could not be used; however, the judge did not reprove him in any way when he used it. Because I am an animal rights activist (or "terrorist" as they would have you believe to be synonymous) I was sentenced to four years in prison for making lanterns (or "candles" as the explosives/electrostatics consultant for the military called them in his expert opinion) that did not injury or property damage nor were intended to. This was to make an "example" of me. Having succeeded

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so well in their political agenda, backed up by the Department of Corrections while in prison (remember denial of good time and denial of transfers based upon the allegations of potential endangerment in the omnipotent Official Statement, supported by the fictitious charge "Possession of Explosives" in the computer), further situations can be exploited to further the "terrorist" libel. Even situations that are meant to be mitigating to the prisoner, such as a clemency hearing based upon claims that the sentence was grossly disproportionate to the crime, can be used to augment the "terrorist" image, beloved of media as well as by government. In order to make a clemency hearing as much as a travesty as the original trial, several simple rules can be followed: 1. do not read the petition 2. do not read the letter of character testimony and support 3. do not read the evaluation of the actual nature of the candle by the explosives expert 4. DO interrogate supporters about their "terrorist" affiliations and/or arrest records.

Most taxpayers, like the general population in Nazi Germany are feeling safer and more protected [now] that "terrorists" are in prison. In China they are called "capitalist roaders", in the former Soviet Union "intellectuals". Now, having tagged an activist a terrorist, it is a simple matter to scapegoat this person with another charge BEFORE SHE EVEN LEAVES PRISON ON THE FIRST UNJUST CONVICTION AND INCARCERATION. This is the ultimate recidivism: arrange for the whole gamut of arrest by deceptive practice, fabrication/manipulation of evidence, conviction and imprisonment before she even gets done with her first sentence. Then she will receive another prison sentence, this time doing 85% of the sentence under the new crime bill, denied the Pell Grant to go to school under the new crime bill, and the taxpayers will be paying another $25,000 per year into the pockets of the government for many more years to come.

How can this be arranged when the accused person is wholly innocent? Well she isn't "innocent", in fact she's a convict, no matter how unjustly. The best way to fabricate another case when there is no evidence to convict a person is to find probably cause to arrest before a Grand Jury. In this secret proceeding (no attorney can attend to witness it) 23 innocent main-stream people are presented with a slanted scenario that invariably leads to indictment. Case in point: being imprisoned for being an animal rights activist leads irresistably to being arrested for anything and everything that has the word "animal" in it. Unable to find actual suspects for smokebombs discovered in Chicago department stores in November '93, the FBI has been fingerprinting by deceptive means friends of mine in order to try, seemingly, to match us with the gadgets. None match. Hence, implied evidence is necessary in order to achieve an indictment. This can be done in three ways: soliciting bank statements and implying that any amount that seems unusually large, such as a bequest from a dying relation as in my case, came from a mysterious and illegal source, a sort of "hit-man" implication. Another method is to state that the accused person worked near one of the department stores in question (of course, in the downtown area of a major city, so did thousands of other people, but that common-sense reality is not presented). The last means is the use of paid informers, not those who overheard secret plots and then tell (that cannot be when no plots were hatched), but those who fabricate completely invented testimony for cash.

The tremendous majority of cases, however, do bear some link to the "offense" for which a person is imprisoned, although the prisoners are innocent of any crime. A minor example of this is the divorced mother who removed her own belongings from the house where she had been renting, then was charged with residential burglary. I say "minor" because the sentence, after plea-bargaining, was "only" 2 1/2 years. The situation becomes deadly serious, though, when the "offense" involves self-defense of a woman's person or that of her children. Twenty year sentences for murder involving self-defense are common in Illinois and throughout the United States. Case in point: the mother discovered that her long-term boyfriend had raped her baby daughter. In a flash she remembered how this had happened to another woman who had, like a dutiful citizen, called the police. The rapist received a three-year sentence and all his good time. In fact, he spent a mere nine months in prison. So, knowing that justice would not be served by the "criminal-justice system", she took a butcher knife and stabbed him -- once. He died. Then she called the police. Once at the hospital, as the doctors were examining her baby, screaming and calling for her mother, she was handcuffed, separated from the screaming child as well as her two older sons (whom she lost to the Department of Children and Family Services), and taken to jail. Her arrest for murder resulted in a twenty-year sentence: no extra good time, no school days. She has never gone back home again. Her baby is now seven years old.

Self-defense and the battery of women and children is not considered a defense in Illinois. Illinois has the lowest clemency rate in the United States. Of the eight women who presented a clemency appeal under the Illinois Battered Women's Clemency Project, only four received clemency. The governor, Jim Edgar, however, stated on television that yet another, Vickie, "should have received clemency". Since he is the one to bestow it, the question arises: why didn't he?

Vickie is, therefore, in prison. So is Fran, who, unlike Vickie, is serving a life sentence for murder -- a murder that was also an act of self-defense. This occurred in Texas, in a rural community. A rejected suitor broke in Fran's farmhouse and attacked her, threatening to kill her. She shot him. Unfortunately, Fran's situation was complicated by the fact that she happened to be an animal rights activist, opposing the cruelty of the meat industry in an area that depended largely on factory farming. The political agenda and local prejudice against Fran led to her being taken out of commission -- forever.

The United States, under the guise of a democracy, has the highest rate of imprisonment in the world. We are the most imprisoning nation, according to Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants. As the government in its "war on crime" allows channels for drugs to enter the country, it also has a multi-million dollar industry on the receiving end in arresting addicts, small-time dealers and middlepersons; then, in collaboration with the current trend in tabloid media which is always happy to exaggerate, magnify and sensationalize any case in order to market their titillating product, all these people are put in prison, presented to the middle-class taxpayer as important and threatening drug kingpins. As in a wartime economy where jobs are generated in munitions factories, the prison industry is our current substitute for the factory. In Florida, the legislature approved building 14,000 new prison beds in 1994. According to the Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter, author unknown of Bonifay, Fl., ***"UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU...to fill his prison bed! Who's gonna fill these beds? Someone will have to fill them. Whether guilty of a crime or not! By the time you get out of court with your P.D. (Public Defender) you will be guilty of things you've never heard of. Cause Uncle Sam needs you..."***

The prison industry, like any other big business, has audits, accountants and quotas. Before election time a certain quota has to be met for judges to be re-elected and considered tough on crime by the naive and unaware taxpayer who votes for him -- little dreaming that his own demise from taxpayer to prisoner is just around the corner. Judges publish how many convictions they achieved in order to get votes. How many black, how many white, how many Hispanic....This quota must be met. Sentenced prior to an election, I received four years for an "offense" that did not property damage nor injury nor was intended to. Even any accidental potential for damage or injury was refuted by a nationally renowned explosives-electrostatics specialist who has designed an



explosives dispersal system for a submissile warhead for the Department of Defense -- and who testified that my "configurations" were "candles" with no danger to the public whatsoever. After the election, I met another prisoner with a two year sentence, sentenced by the same judge. Her crime? Aggravated Battery with Armed Violence with a Weapon (she stabbed a man in the chest and punctured his lung three times), Class X.

Denied the extra good time I am eligible to as a Class 2 prisoner, extra good time awarded to Class X prisoners charged with Armed Robbery, Armed Violence and Aggravated Arson solely to make an example of me as a political prisoner, denied transfer to a minimum-security prison solely because of Possession of Explosives being entered in the computer against me in defiance of an Appellate Court Order to remove it (five prisoners with the charge of Murder live there), denied work-release or home monitoring due to the slanderous allegations of potential danger inherent in my lanterns, I wish my experience to serve as a warning for others. The United States, far from being a "free" society, is in fact a totalitarian regime profiting on the destruction and enslavement of its own people. Although the United States has the routine of elections, thereby creating an image to the world of "democracy" or freedom to choose by voting, in actual fact the two-party system is dead as it relates to the ordinary citizen. What is in operation in reality is a king, replaced at intervals, and a court of wealthy protected courtiers. Instead of replacing the king (president, prime minister, call him what you like) by coup d'état, we do it in a "civilized" way, by a ritual called elections. But the end result is the same: a privileged minority and a slave class in prison, funded by a mainstream Americana who is full of fear at having their traditional way of life threatened and therefore supportive of the prison industry, which they are taught by the media to believe contains those violent criminals who would jeopardize their way of life. Little do they know that they are next, the future grist for the prison mill. Make one tiny error: unresolved traffic tickets, removing one's belongings from a former house or apartment, riding a bike in a neighborhood where police know that you have been arrested before, being an animal rights activist, defending your life or the life of your children -- and you will find that your illusion of middle-class American freedom was only that, a dream. You too will cross over to the other side, into the land of imprisonment that is a living hell and which you never imagined that you could possibly ever enter.

One fellow prisoner at Dixon Prison was waiting for a taxi one snowy night. A police car pulled up. The officer asked her if she was alright, did she want to sit inside his car. Bitter experience had taught her never to trust police, as she had suffered through the whole arrest-and-court system previously on a DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charge, on which she was found "not guilty". She told the stress of her trial on that charge was so intense that she burst out crying after the ordeal was over. Now, remembering the deceptive practices perpetrated on her by the police before, she declined to sit in a police car out of the snow. The officer did not like this. So he asked for identification, which of course she produced, like any normal citizen. He then proceeded to check his police computer (checking an innocent woman waiting for a taxi) for any outstanding warrants for her arrest. And found one! For the very same DUI case, all concluded, which had never been removed from the computer. She found herself inside his police car, all right, in handcuffs. Five days later, separated from her children and having lost her job, she was taken, after a vaginal exam, TB test and multiple strip-searches, before a judge. And of course he saw that the warrant was invalid, she had been found not guilty, the case concluded. No apologies offered. No compensation advanced. But "justice" had been served, the "law" had been followed. Citizens are obliged to walk a tightrope of good behavior, following rules and regulations one could not even predict would be required, such as not attracting police attention while waiting for taxis in the snow. But government is held to no accountability whatsoever. Is this America?

To quote another "voice from inside", this one from Anamosa IA (Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 12, December 1994), "For the privately owned prison business to expand and profit, it will become increasingly appealing to induce failure into every effort at reforming society's mistakes. As in any livestock operation, the rancher will always seek to enlarge his herd...Without support for social and economic programs needed to repair the moral and financial fabric of our communities, our country will naively continue to believe in this failed system until every citizen is either a rancher or owned by one."

-Lise Olsen is now free after having served the prison sentence given to her by the courts. Lise's case serves as an example to all of us of how the government will do what ever it can in its attempt to destroy the animal liberation movement.

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

ENGLAND

Melanie Arnold GJ0940
HMP Pucklechurch, Pucklechurch, bristol, BS17 3QJ, England.

On remand charged with Section 2 of the explosives act in realtion to attack on a bottoir in Gloucester.

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Leicester, 118 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 7AJ.

On remand for alleged Justice Department Actions

Greg Avery HV3313
HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS

Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Dave Callender HV3314
HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS

Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Michael Green VA2923
HMP Gloucester, Barrack Square, Gloucester, GL1 2JN, England.

On remand charged with Section 2 of the explosives act in realtion to attack on abottoir in Gloucester.

Angie Hamp TW1687
HMP Askham Grange, Askham Richard, York, YO2 3PT, England

Sentenced to 4 years for conspiracy to commit arson. The actual raid in question caused 3/4 million pounds worth of damage.

Niel Hanson HF3184
HMP The Mount, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 0NZ, England.

Sentenced to 3 for Conspiracy to dispatch a hoax bomb and criminal damage to the property of the public relation officers of Glaxos (vivisectors).

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS, England.

Sentenced to 14 years for Arson attack on meat vehicles, inciting others to cause criminal damage, escape from jail and conspiracy to cause explosions.

Michelle Ratcliffe RL1456
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 0NU, England.

On remand on charges of an arson attack on a lairage connected with Shoreham harbour.

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Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS, England.

Sentenced to 7 years for possession of items with intent to make incendiary devices and possession of a shotgun. Geoff has already served a four year sentence in the 1980s for incendiary actions against the fur trade in department stores.

Note: Gillian Peachey is to be sentenced on the 20th October for conspiracy to plant incendiary devices, and is expecting in the regions of two years.

Laura Nicol
HMP Low Newton, Brasside, Durham, DH! 5SD
Laura was sent down for 98 days for non-payment of fines relating to hunt sab and live export activity. She's expected to do about 7 weeks.

GOOD NEWS - Several prisoners released!

Allison McKeon, Max Watson, and **Terry Helsby** (serving 2 years, 3 years, and 3 1/2 years respectively for damage caused to butchers' shops and a zoo) have all been released. Allison was released in late 1994, Max was released in February 1995, and Terry was released in March 1995.

Colin Chatfield, who was doing 4 months for sending a hoax bomb call to Boots, was released on November 25/94.

Jeannette McCallum, Gillian Peachey's co-defendant in the Tesco's egg hoax contamination, was released on strict bail conditions.

Anette Tibbles, serving 4 years for conspiracy to commit arson in relation to two arson attacks on meat vehicles, was released on parole in April.

Justin Wright was released on bail on Oct 27.

Robin Webb was on remand on Section 38 of the Public Order act (conspiracy to incite), in relation to the release of a press statement concerning a contamination hoax. Robin was released from HMP Winchester where he had been enjoying (ha ha) the security of his one man cell, an unusual item in the UK. He's back in court in Dec., and it's possible he may end up back inside.

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(from the Liberator)
JEANETTE McCLUNAN: Due to suspicions about this activists behaviour and an increase in police activity, the decision was taken to set this person up with information that only she was privy to. A time and date was arranged with her for an "action", and activists sat back and watched 14 police units (including 4 inspectors, 2 riot vans, 2 dog units and 2 undercover detectives swarm in. Just to be sure, they set her up a second time with false info, again to watch police swoop down searching for activists. It came to light that at her trial for ALF activities, she implicated 2 activists openly in court, naming names. She had also made statements to the police implicating 3 local activists and her co-defendent. It has been suggested that people may want to contact Jeanette and tell her what you think about those who grass on friends to save their own skin.
Jeanette McClunan, 4 the Butts, Warnford Rd. Corhampton, Hants. S032 3ND. tel: 01489-877807

SWEDEN

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Tel +46 42 576 93
According to Swedish media, during the evening of June 18, 1995, an unidentified 18 year old woman was arrested in central Uppsala and charged with arson. The woman allegedly set fire to a meat lorry. In a report from the Djurens Belfrielse Front (Swedish ALF) the young woman was unknown by them. She faces up to two years in prison. **Please write the DBF for more details about support for this activist.**

USA

please see page 65 for information on the various hunting and trapping organizations that contributed to a fund that PAID an anonymous tipster

for info on Rod Coronado...
Rod Coronado #03895000
FCI RR#2, Box 9000, Safford, AZ 85546, USA.

Authorities wanted to link Rod to a series of A.L.F. arsons connected to the A.L.F.'s "Operation Bite Back" which caused well over $1.5 million damage, but were unable to make the charges stick. However, Rod was recently sentenced to 47 months for offenses relation to his actions as spokesperson for the ALF in the USA. (see pg 64 for Rod's Support Committee's address).

Captain Paul Watson Serves 30 Days

October 9, 1995

Paul Watson of the Sea Shepherd has been sentenced to serve 30 days in a maximum security prison, on top of the six days previously served in pre-arraignment detention, and to pay a fine of $35. On October 9 Watson was convicted on one count of felonious criminal mischief in connection with harassing the Cuban dragnetting trawler Rio Las Cases off Newfoundland in international waters in August 1993. Watson was cleared of two more serious charges in connection with the same incident, which could have carried life prison sentences.

Watson reportedly said that while he was disappointed in the outcome, still believing himself to be innocent, it was a matter of satisfaction to him that the Canadian government had spent $4 million to secure the conviction; had emulated his tactics this year against Spanish trawlers; and has in convicting him, ironically establishing a legal precedent for Spain's case against the Canadian government for alleged piracy, which will be heard in a Canadian court.

MEMPHIS EMERGES AS ANIMAL RIGHTS HOTBED: 39 ARRESTED IN PROTEST

(from FUR AGE WEEKLY, Aug 14, 1995)

Thirty-nine animal rights activists were jailed July 23 after they stormed department stores selling furs in 10 cities. This possibly unprecedented number of arrests during one coordinated protest was due to the militant style of Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT), which coordinated the event. Mostly young (many teenaged) protesters aggressively blockaded store entrances and chaining themselves to clothes racks.

As reported here July 17, the Memphis-based CAFT announced in advance its intention to "declare war" on Federated Department Stores Inc. in order to "convince the retailer to stop selling animal furs."

CAFT said more than a dozen cities were targeted but Federated reported disturbances in six of its chains in 10 cities: Goldsmith's in Memphis, TN; Bloomingdale's in Chicago; Macy's in Minneapolis and Oxford, PA; Lazarus in Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati, OH, and Indianapolis, Indiana; and Bullock's in Torrance and Newport Beach, CA.

CAFT said arrests totaled 10 in the Los Angeles area (Newport Beach six, and Torrance four), seven in Chicago, seven in Syracuse, four in Memphis, and 11 in Minneapolis.

Media coverage of the event was minimal. The Fur Information Council of America (FICA) found stories the Chicago Sun-Times, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and scant television attention.

CAFT threatens, "This is only the first salvo in the campaign," but contacted in advance of the protest by Fur Age, Federated appeared unfazed. "We reserve the right to sell the merchandise in our stores that our customers indicate by their purchases that they want. This is the essence of the free market system in which we participate," said a spokesperson.

Federated increased security to prepare for the protest. "My hat's off to them," Carol Wynne, executive director of FICA, praised the department store chain. "They did a great job securing the environment. Security acted quickly, there was no violence or vandalism, and arrests were made."

The timing of the protest was perplexing to the trade. During mid- summer, they had little effect on consumers or the media. Fur salons in Bloomingdale's stores were even closed that day. During the summer, the Maximilian salons are closed every Sunday.

The fact, however, that CAFT was able to generate enough grassroots supporters willing to go to jail for their cause is another sign that the group may be generating a more unapologetically militant version of animal rights activism. The Fur Commission USA (FCUSA) announced that Memphis emerged in 1994 as a veritable hotbed of Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activity directed against the fur industry.

According to documents obtained by FCUSA, nine of 13 ALF attacks which occurred in the Midwest since Jan 1, 1994 took place in Memphis. Two more ALF incidents occurred in or near Indianapolis, where CAFT operates a second office. Another 25-30 ALF attacks occurred at fur stores in California and New York. The list was compiled by a private company which monitors and keeps computer records on animal rights incidents.

Between March and November of 1994, records reveal, one fur farm and four fur retail outlets in Memphis were hit by the ALF in nine separate incidents. They involved broken windows, paint bombing, glued locks, damaged merchandise and other unspecified damages.

CAFT established operations in Memphis in 1994, according to the organization's literature. In its statement of purpose, CAFT endorses the methods of the Animal Liberation Front and states its intent to "carry on" the work of the Coalition Against Fur Farming (CAFF). CAFF was founded by admitted arsonist Rod Coronado, who pled guilty in May to one count of arson in connection with an ALF firebombing at Michigan State University laboratory where research was being conducted using mink. Coronado will be sentenced Aug. 10 in Michigan federal court.

Although records show little activity by CAFT before 1994, the organization stepped up its attack on the fur trade in 1994. FCUSA found the following among CAFT actions since Jan. 1, 1994.

A Jan 7, 1994 incident at the International Mink Show in Madison, WI, where two protesters infiltrated the meeting and chained themselves to the podium before being removed by police. This incident is believed to have been the first major CAFT action against the fur trade; A Jan 8 1994 protest at Goldsmith's Department Store in Memphis, TN, where activists rushed the store with skinned fox carcasses, which they displayed to customers and tv cameras, resulting in three arrests; A Nov. 25 1994 blockade at Neiman Marcus in Newport Beach, CA where 48 protesters from CAFT and other animal rights groups blocked the entrance to the fur salon for 30 minutes before the police arrived; A Jan. 7 1994 demonstration at the International Mink Show in Madison, where one activist confronted in an elevator the 10-year- old daughter of a Wisconsin fur farmer and 75 protesters stormed the meeting, disrupting proceedings and overturned display tables, leading to four arrests.

FCUSA Chairman Skip Lea said, "many businesses today face harassment from one extremist group or another, our industry is no different. We can't prevent extremist organizations from taking illegal or violent action against the fur trade, but we can minimize their impact by using common sense. The best way to defeat our adversaries is to stay fully informed about their activities, understand their goals and tactics, make thorough preparations when incidents are expected, and be prepared to press charges against any individual who breaks the law in the name of animal liberation."

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Congratulations go out to CAFT for all their efforts and successes, and especially for scaring the shit out of the fur industry. Now if every anti-fur activist followed CAFT's lead ... Here's an update on CAFT's actions:

UPDATE ON COALITION AGAINST THE FUR TRADE (CAFT) DEMO IN CHICAGO

Oct 8, 1995

Four animal rights activists were arrested in Chicago for chaining themselves to the entrance to Bloomingdale's in mid-July. An additional three activists were arrested for simply being present at the event. All were charged with violation of Illinois' Disorderly Conduct Statute. Coverage of the incident went exceedingly well -- all major television channels gave neutral reporting. And although some smaller, progressive Chicago print media gave us very favourable coverage, major print media wasn't extensive. Six arrestee's appeared in Cook County Court on the 15th of August. At the end of the day, NOT A SINGLE ARRESTEE was fined nor did anyone receive additional sentencing! Four of the six, were told to not get arrested at that site again and were let off. The remaining two accepted the offer of a public defender and their court date looms in the near future. The seventh sent in an attorney to appear for them, but the case was dismissed as the arresting officer did not appear.

All activists were shocked at the major turmoil such a small demonstration caused among Chicago's Finest and the various judiciary. Starting with formal arrest proceedings, each activist spent a great deal of time in "holding" with a female arrestee clocking in at nine hours in Women's Lock-up.

The arresting police varied in their reaction to the demonstration. One individual, presumably a Bloomie's handyman/employee took a frightening amount of pleasure in injuring demonstrator's wrists with the bolt-cutter. Another individual took delight in telling a male demonstrator wearing an ACT-UP! t-shirt "The "Boys" in holding are gonna love you!" Several officers discussed issues such as hunting during our detention. We were shocked to have female officers come in and tell us they were members of animal rights groups! Another officer even took an anti-fur pin and attached it to her uniform! Finally the incident took a surreal turn as one of female warders told us she has a vegetarian daughter and through the cell bars we discussed recipes!

Presumably, the event was complicated by the eventual "two-prong" approach that demonstrators utilized. The first group of activists held their event at noon. Individuals were arrested by 12:15 and were in their first of two "paddy-wagon" rides across town. The arrestees were being processed when another group of activists, having just left the Shedd Aquarium demo, spontaniously took it upon themselves to join in the fun at Bloomie's on the Magnificent Mile! Detained at the 8th Precinct, demonstraters heard as late as 3:00 P.M. that the demo was still going on!

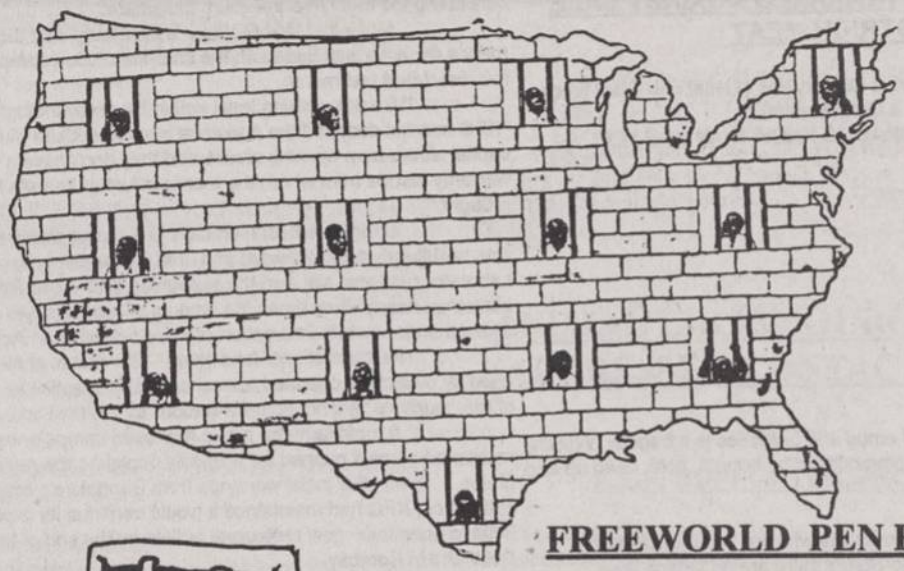
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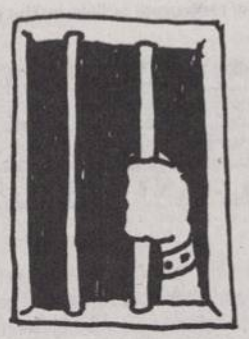
For more information of CAFT write:
Coalition To Abolish the Fur Trade
Po Box 40641
Memphis, TN 38174
USA

...AND MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT FUR!

EF! August: "... the US House of Representatives deleted subsidies to the mink fur industry from the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, HR 1976. A substantial majority of congressmembers voted for an amendment removing $2 million that would have contributed to the unconscionable cruelty of the mink industry.

Representatves Peter Deutsch of Florida and Christopher Shays of Connecticut were sponsors of the amendment to remove the funding. It is highly unlikely that the money will be reinserted into the Appropriations Bill by the Senate."





Ten Things You Should Know About Prisons in the US

1. Today there are over 1,000,000 people in US prisons.
2. A 1992 figure for the US imprisonment rate was 332 per 100,000. The New York Times has reported the ,94 imprisonmentate at 519 per 100,000.
3. An Afro-American male is seven times more likely to go to prison than a white male, an Afro-American woman is eight times more likely to go to prison than a white woman.
4. One out of four Afro-American men in the US will go to prison in their lifetimes. This figure does not include jail, parole, or probation.
5. Murders comprise less than 1% of crime in the US. Over half of the people currently being sent to prison are being sent for crimes which involve no violence whatsoever.
6. The most frequent crime leading to a prison sentence is drub possession. 53% of people incarcerated for drug offences in the US are sentenced to prison for possession of one gram or less of an illegal substance.
7. Afro-Americans are four times more likely than whites to be arrested on drug charges, even though the two groups use drugs at almost the same rates.
8. 63% of women in prison for violent crimes attacked relatives, intimates, or acquaintances. Often, they were defending themselves and/or their children from abuse.
9. It costs more to send a person to prison for a year than to Harvard University for a year.
10. Prisons have become one of the fastest growing industries in the US. Local governments and private businesses, looking for local jobs and long term contracts are often eager to build prisons.

The National Crime Survey has shown no significant increase incrime in the past 20 years, but the imprisonment rate has tripled and expenses for criminal "justice" have increased six-fold. This is EVIDENCE that placing large numbers of people in prison does not reduce crime. -for more information contact:
CLAWS, Wilder Box 16, Oberlin, OH 44074.

FREEWORLD PEN PAL NEEDED

In May of 95 the NA-ALFSG was contacted by Derek Kinson, a US prisoner looking for help:

Derek Kinson #355219
Certified Paralegal
W.G. McConnell Cadre (Suite 12-F-51)
3001 South Emily Dr.
Boeville, Texas 78102

NEEDED: A freeworld pen pal that's also willing to do all things I can't do on my civil and criminal litigation from prison, constituting helping me formulate a special committe that will help me get publicity, contributions, legal aid, expert witnesses, protests, etc. If you're willing to help, please write to the above address.
In Solidarity,
Derek Kinson Certified Paralegal

PAGAN PRISONERS STRUGGLE TO BE RECOGNIZED

Patrick R. Warner
252900 Darrington
Route #3, Box 59
Rosharon, TX 775983 (USA)

Brothers and Sisters,
The inmates here are involved in a legal action with the state prison system over "freedom of religion." The inmates are being helped in their legal struggle in part by the state-ACLU and volunteer attorney, Mr. Patrick Wiseman.

I need to make it clear that the inmates involved ARE NOT Christians/Jewish/Moslem, but are Pagan/Wiccan/Odinist and other earth-based faiths, including Native Americans. We need as much input as possible from other pagan faith structures, before this legal action goes to court. Please send your input to Mr. Wiseman (address below). This legal action has been filed in Federal District court as Civil Action #A-95-CV-222-JN (Armijo-vs-TDCJ). Anyone can request from the clerk of court a case "syllabus" for review. Please send information to:
Volunteer Attorney Mr.
Patrick Wiseman, Wiseman, Durst, Tuddenham & Owen.
1004 West Ave, Austin,
TX. 78701-2019 USA

Thank you for your help.
Patrick R. Warner.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED AGAINST SALE OF OSTRICH MEAT

In the United States Emu meat is now on sale at least one Giant store and ostrich meat is on sale at a Graul's store.
PLEASE LET GIANT AND GRAUL'S KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS:
Mr. Israel Cohen, President
Giant Foods
P.O. Box 1804
Washington, DC 20013 USA

Mr. Harold Graul
Graul's Market
7713 Bellona Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21204 USA

The commercial exploitation of emus and ostriches is a tragedy. Wildlife should never be treated as a commodity to be bought, sold, used up and thrown away.

Emus and ostriches are living creatures who are capable of feeling pain and pleasure. In the United States there are no federal laws regulating the humane treatment of poultry at any stage of operation. The idea of introducing another class of birds into a system that does not extend basic welfare protection to birds is indefensible.

Emus and ostriches belong to the oldest living family of birds on earth, the ratites, or flightless fowl. They are nomads, designed by 90 million years of evolution to roam over vast tracts of land. With their long powerful legs and camel-like feet adapted for speed, they can run up to 40 miles an hour, emus covering 12 feet in a single stride. It is particularly cruel to confine nomadic wildlife.

Ostriches grow to be 7 to 9 feet tall, weigh up to 350 pounds and live for 40 to 70 years. Emus grow to be 5 to 6 feet tall, weigh up to 140 pounds, and live for 25 to 30 years.

VIC: ANIMAL RIGHTS PROTESTORS BLAST HEART FOUNDATION

MELBOURNE, Sept 2 AAP - Animal rights protesters today branded the Heart Foundation of Australia as "heartless" over its support for kangaroo meat.

The Australian Wildlife Protection Council said the Foundation was aiding commercial wildlife exploitation by giving kangaroo its tick of approval as a healthy meat. Professor Peter Singer, the Council's patron, said he was concerned at the level of cruelty involved in kangaroo killing. "A lot of the kangaroos that are shot are not killed outright. A lot of female kangaroos have joeys either in the pouch or at their feet," he said at the launch of a leaflet protesting the Heart Foundation's approval of the meat.

"Ones in the pouch will get bashed to death, the ones at their feet will hop off into the bush and be unable to survive," he told reporters outside the Foundation's King Street offices. "I think for the Heart Foundation to just give a tick to kangaroo meat is really heartless."

Prof Singer, a Senate candidate for the Greens, said he wanted the Heart Foundation to reconsider the tick. "We are also saying to them that you've got to think about more than whether something is high or low fat before giving it a tick," he said. "You've got to think about the cruelty and the suffering and the effect that it's having on Australia's image of its wildlife to do this sort of thing."

KFC in India ordered to shut down

By RAVI PRASAD

BANGALORE, India, Sept. 13 (UPI) -- International fast food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken was ordered Wednesday to shut down its only outlet in India after a municipal government revoked the restaurant chain's operating license.

KFC's outlet in Bangalore had come under attack from municipal authorities in the southern Indian city for allegedly serving food containing too much monosodium glutamate.

Municipal health officer V.G. Shetty said the city government's decision was based on the analysis of food samples taken from the restaurant last month.

"We are seeking legal action for misbranding," Shetty said. "KFC has not declared the presence of monosodium glutamate in capital letters as a warning clause and they don't have a proper warranty clause from whom the monosodium glutamate has been brought."

Bangalore health officials had earlier charged KFC's food was "adulterated, misbranded and unfit for human consumption." Laboratory analysis showed the seasoning KFC used for its chicken contained nearly three times the amount of monosodium glutamate allowed under India's Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

The international food chain -- the first to enter India -- was used by politicians opposed to economic liberalization as an example of the country's "economic colonization" by multinational companies.

A local farmers' group had been campaigning against the restaurant since it opened for allegedly depleting the region's food grains. Even after initial warnings from Bangalore's municipal authorities, KFC had maintained it would continue its expansion plans in India to open two new restaurant outlets by the end of the year -- in Delhi and in Bombay.

DEAD COW BLOCKS McDONALD'S DRIVE-THRU IN GRAPHIC ANTI-MEAT PROTEST BY MILITANT ACTIVISTS

Oct 1, Huntington Beach, CA -- Militant animal rights activists blocked the drive-thru lane at a McDonald's restaurant here Sunday, October first, with the corpse of a dead cow in what is probably the most graphic anti-meat demonstration ever held in southern California.

The direct action, sponsered by Orange County People for Animals, is in conjunction with national demonstrations for "World Farm Animals Day," which marks the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the world's foremost advocate for farm animals.

"This aggressive action is designed to jolt the public out of denial and painfully smack two realities up against each other...the everyday reality of hamburger eating and the behind-the-scenes reality of the real source of those hamburgers," said Jerry Friedman, spokesperson for OCPA, the largest animal rights group in Orange County.

"For those who find this shocking, we must ask, WHY? Technically, this is simply yet-to-be processed 'food.' If this is horrifying, it is surely because, after seeing a dead body, people immediately recognize the tremendous suffering involved in the process...a hideous process from which most people prefer to be shielded," he added.

"We cannot shield ourselves any longer, but must face the truth of the triple whammy of meat eating: animal suffering, preventable human disease from the eating of animal products and the tremendous environmental damage our meat habit wreaks upon the planet," he said.

Nearly 1.5 million Americans are crippled and killed prematurely each year by heart failure, stroke, cancer and other killer diseases linked conclusively to the consumption of animal products. Meanwhile, nearly all of our irreplaceable ancient forests have been leveled to create more grazing and cropland for farm animals, while intensive cultivation and irrigation of these lands has depleted topsoil and ground water supplies and contributed more pollution to our waterways than all other human activities combined.

MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS KNOWN...

Let Gillette's new CEO know what you think of Gillette's use of vivisection by (fill in the blank) him at his home:
Michael C. Hawley
42 Chestnut Street
Boston, MA
02108 USA

OTHER FOLKS TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH:

1-800-MATTRESS: Dial-A-Mattress
Sells Sealy mattresses; there is often a Sealy rep at this 1-800 number. In April/95, Sealy gave away free tickets to the Ringling Bros. Circus as a promotion for their mattresses.

Rent Mother Nature
1-800-296-9445: customer service
1-800-232-4048: voicemail
1-800-296-9443: fax
Rents and/or sells just about everything, including honey hives, sheep, lobster traps, and live lobsters.

1-800-444-0494: Seasons magazine
A Wyeth-Ayerst magazine that promotes Premarin (made from pregnant mares' urine), under the guise of "informing about menopause". The magazine is free for anyone using Premarin.

1-800-281-EASY: Pro Flooring Center (Texas)
Aired a TV commercial featuring chimpanzees dressed in wigs, lipstick, glasses and dresses.

1-800-896-1320: Frontiers of Freedom
Anti-wildlife organization that is closely affiliated with wise use movement. The 1-800 number connects you to an operator selling memberships, ranging from $1000 to $25,000. A recent ad published by these folks stated "It is clear that the Radical Environmentalists will stop at nothing, including the denial of our Constitutional Rights, in pursuit of their extreme agenda."

1-800-BUY-WILD: Dales Exotic Meats (Denver, Colorado)
Dale's Exotic Meats is the main supplier for "Cecil Pritchett's Exotic Wild Game Foods" (Osceala, Missoula) -- a restaurant that offers menu items such as black bear, alligator, zebra and lion meat. Pritchett is hoping to franchise his restaurant, and to market canned versions of his recipes on grocery store shelves. He is currently involved in business negotiations with Dale's Exotic Meats. According to a sales rep at Dales, they get their meat from former zoo and petting zoo animals. The current price for African Lion meat is $11.05 per pound.

1-800-663-1333: The Blue Horizon Hotel (Vancouver, BC)
Ran a large ad in a local newspaper featuring a photo of a woman in a fur coat and encouraging readers to spend a weekend at the hotel.

1-800-366-2873: Research America

1-800-RPURINA: Ralston-Purina
After donating broken bags of dog food to Martha's Animal Sanctu ary in Bonne Terre, Missouri for nine years, Ralston-Purina has decided it would rather make a profit than help needy animals. Now, all broken and leftover bags will be sold as pig feed in Iowa for pennies a pound. Not only that, but Purina has refused to SELL the food to Martha's for the same price or even more. Because of this, the meals of 250 dogs have been jeopardized right when plenty of food is so important--during the cold, winter months.

1-800-WHY-MILK: pro-dairy industry line

1-800-331-3276: Farm Bureau Network

1-800-227-6336: Cheyenne Frontier Days, one of the largest professional rodeos; home of the Cheyenne Chuckwagon Race



ANIMAL LIB RESOURCE LISTS: (ADDRESSES, CONTACTS, INFO, ETC)

A.L.F. SUPPORTER GROUPS

NORTH AMERICAN ALFSG
PO Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St. Willowdale, Ont. Can. M2M 4K3
e-mail: <an246614@anon.penet.fi>
note: if you want an e-mail reply, you must include your e-mail address in the message body

UK ALFSG
BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, England

A.L.F. Press Office - UK
BM 4400, London, WC1N 3XX, England
Press Officer -- Robin Webb

Djurens Befrielse Front (D.B.F.) - Swedish A.L.F.
Box 179, S-265 22, Åstorp, Sweden
Tel: +46-42-576-93
Press Officer -- Emilie E:son

Djurens Hamnare / Animal Avengers
c/o Djurens Befrielse Front
Box 179, S-265 22, Åstorp, Sweden
Press Officer -- William Wolf



ALFSG-Finland
Box 14
02601 Espoo
Finland
They publish Vastorinta (Resistance). Write for subscription info, etc.

HUNT SABOTEURS

Bear Watch
PO Box 394, Tofino, BC, Canada, V0R 2Z0
PO Box 1099, Ganges, Saltspring Island, BC, Canada, V0S 1E0
Organizes boat patrols of beaches to monitor and disrupt trophy hunting of black bears. Also runs educational campaigns about black bear hunting.

Hunt Saboteurs (HSA) / HOWL magazine
PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY, England
Tel: 011-44-602-590357

ARK II Hunt Sab Group
Po box 687, Station Q, Toronto, Ont, M4T 2N5, Canada
Tel: 416-223-4141
Ark II's hunt sab group's first meeting was a sucess with over 20 activists mobilized for their first trap-busting spree on Oct. 21. They are currently seeking donations of ammonia, boat air-horns, walkie-talkies, artificial animal scents, the times, locations and details of organized hunts in provincial parks. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

NORTH AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PROTECT WILDLIFE

Alaska Wildlife Alliance: PO Box 202022, Anchorage, AK, 99520 USA
Tel: 907-277-0897 / Fax: 907-277-7423
E-mail: <alaskawa@igc.apc.org>

Bearnet: P.O. Box 72, Hyrum, UT, 84319 USA

Endangered Species Project: Fort Mason Center E-205, San Francisco, CA, 94123 USA

Friends of the Wolf: PO Box 2983, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6B 3X4
Tel: 604-290-9256

Great Bear Foundation: P.O. Box 2699, Missoula, MT, 59806 USA

Greater Ecosystem Alliance: P.O. Box 2813, Bellingham, WA, 98227 USA

Grizzly Bear Task Force: P.O. Box 6151, Bozeman, MT, 59715 USA

Grizzly Project: P.O. Box 957, Nelson, BC, Canada, V1L 6A5
Tel/fax: 604-355-BEAR

Oregon Bear and Cougar Coalition: 4511 SE Hawthorne #204, Portland, OR, 97215 USA

Predator Project: P.O. Box 6733, Bozeman, MT, 59771 USA
Tel/Fax: 406-587-3389

Progressive Animal Welfare Society: P.O. Box 1037, Lynwood, WA, 98046 USA

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society: 3107A Washington Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA, 90292 USA
Tel: 310-301-7325
e-mail: <nvoth@igc.org>

The Bear Project: P.O. Box 332, Williams, OR, 97544 USA

Wildlife Damage Review: PO Box 2541, Tucson, AZ, 85702, USA

ANIMAL LIB GROUPS

AUSTRIAN ANIMAL RIGHTS NETWORK (AARN)
<aal@magnet.at>
<animalrights@blackbox.ping.at>

LIBERTY
<liberty@gn.apc.org>
This UK civil rights organization is interested in the details of any arrests resulting from demos, protests, occupations, sabs, etc. as part of their Public Order Monitoring Program (POMP). Of particular interest are arrests made under the Criminal Justic and Public Order Act. any arrests resulting in demos, protests, occupations, sabs. etc. would be of great interest to them. As well as CJA offences, don't forget breach of peace, obstruction and arrests resulting from CRISP actions or hunt sabs. Liberty is also interested in the (mis)behavior of police, security (or MPs) in relation to hunt sabs, demos, protests, and other civil disobedience. Note: Being new to Email, Liberty staff don't seem up to actually replying to Email yet. Please include telphone numbers and snail mail addresses if you wish them to contact you.

STUDENTS ORGANIZING FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (SOAR)
<soar@waste.org>

Calgary Animal Rights Coalition (CARC)
41 6A Street NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 4A2 Canada
Tel: 403-262-3458
"Ours has been an ongoing learning experience in our quests to halt animal exploitation and abuse and to teach people that Earth does not belong to Mankind alone, but to all lifeforms and that each and every being has an equal right to life and respect, as an individual component of the planet...Animals are not ours to use, kills, experiment on, eat, wear, torment, have entertain us, genetically alter..." (reprinted from CARC's Newsletter, Fall 1994)
CARC supports animal liberation prisoners.

Vegan Action
PO Box 4353, Berkeley, CA, 94704 USA
Tel: 510-843-6343
E-mail: <vegan@mellers1.psych.berkeley.edu>
"Vegan Action is a grassroots activist network focused on promoting the vegan diet and lifestyle and inspiring more people to become actively involved in the vegan movement...Vegan Action works through public education, distribution of information, presentations and other special events, direct action, and grassroots organizing and networking."

PRISON ISSUES

NEWSGROUPS
Prison issues are covered on many newsgroups, including: alt.prisons, alt.activism.death-penalty, alt.activism.radical-left

PRISON ISSUES GOPHER
gopher to <gopher.igc.apc.org>; choose "PeaceNet - Peace, Human Rights, and Social Justice" and then "Prison Issues"

The "Prison Issues" menu includes information about the Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC), a comprehensive Resource Guide (including periodicals, organizations, readings, videos), and on-line information and publications from PARC, Prison News Service, the Pelican Bay Information Project, the Network Against Control Units and others.

LIBERTAD!
http://www.igc.apc.org/prisons/prisondesk.html
choose "Web Sites"

Gopher: gopher to <gopher.igc.apc.org>; choose "PeaceNet..."; choose "Prison Issues"; choose "Other organizations and information"

Libertad!, the newsletter of the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners, is now online and can be viewed via the Prison Issues Desk Web pages and gopher site. The Spring 1995 issue contains news, updates, and statements from several of the prisoners. Both english and spanish versions can be read and downloaded.

PRISON ISSUES DESK
<parc-info@igc.apc.org>: automated response with more info on the Desk
<prisondesk@igc.apc.org>: the Prison Issues Desk

The Prison Issues Desk is a new joint project of the Institute for Global Communications (IGC) and the Prison Activist Resource Centre (PARC). Devoted entirely to news, networking, and information on crime, prisons, and the criminal prosecution system, the Desk will answer queries, point toward information, assist networking efforts, and maintain a large body of information available to members of IGC and available free from any internet address. The Desk is staffed by the Prison Activist Resource Center in Berkeley, CA.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLY TO IGC MEMBERS
Send e-mail to <igc-info@igc.apc.org> for an automated response with details.

The Institute for Global Communications (IGC) serves thousands of users in the US and worldwide whose work for justice (in classrooms, community centers, on the street, etc) is strengthened and diversified by the links that are made on-line. The IGC

Networks (PeaceNet, EcoNet, ConflictNet, AnimalsNet, and LaborNet) form a global network devoted to human rights, social justice, the environment and many other progressive issues. IGC features a graphic or text driven interface, internet publishing, and most importantly a body of information from activists, non-government organizations, the alternative press and other sources not available on the Internet or any other network. If you already have an Internet account, you can telnet to the IGC networks for 6 hours per month for $12.50. Special rates for students and low income organizations and individuals are also available.

ANIMALS-NET NOW ON-LINE THRU IGC!
For more info send a message to <animalsnet@igc.apc.org>.

AnimalsNet has specific conferences of interest to animal advocates, such as list.ar-news and list.ar-talk (so you can view these lists in conference mode and do not have to clutter your mailbox) and animal.rights, biodiversity, etc.

JUSTICE.PRISONS
justice.prisons is a new IGC public conference in which IGC members can post and read news, alerts, and articles from a wide variety of progressive and radical organizations and individuals active around crime and prisons.

A.L.F. / ANIMAL LIBERATION INFORMATION RESOURCES

A.L.F. info & resources
http://www.uel.ac.uk/pers/1420/alf.htlm

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service
http://envirolink.org/arrs/alf.html
Info about the activities of the animal liberation movement, particularly in Britain and North America, with some international coverage. Campaign news, prisoner updates, and articles from various sources (including Underground); addresses of animal rights organisations world-wide, ideas, resources and links to resources held elsewhere. Some information about eco issues and eco activism. [Disclaimer: The information, views and opinions contained within these pages are not those of owner of the host, neither are they necessarily those of the maintainer of the pages.]

Encyclopedia of Direct Action
http://envirolink.org/action/eda.html

Militant Vegan #8
http://envirolink.org/arrs/ALF/ezines/mv8_1.html

Underground #1
http://envirolink.org/arrs/ALF/ezines/ug1_1.html

GENERAL ANIMAL RIGHTS INFO

ROAR! (Resources and Organizations for Animal Rights)
http://www.gate.net/~dgraft
Recipes, world guide to vegetarianism, animal rights FAQ, vegan resources, addresses of groups, and pointers to just about any other kind of AR info you might need. ROAR! is the new merger of ARRS (Animal Rights Resource Site) and ADN (Animal Defence Network). Contact site maintainer Don Graft at <dgraft@gate.net>.
General animal rights info
http://www.umanitoba.ca/arrs/index.html

Animal Cruelty Investigation Group
http://envirolink.org/arrs/ACIG/acig.html
Includes "How You Can Help" leaflet, with lots of info about filming, infiltration, undercover work.

AnimaLife: The Cornell Animal Rights Advocacy Publication
http://envirolink.org/arrs/AnimaLife/index.html

Feminists for Animal Rights: <finla001@mc.duke.edu>
http://www.umanitoba.ca/arrs/far

London Animal Action
http://envirolink.org/arrs/laa.html

Manitoba Animal Rights Coalition (MARC)
http://www.umanitoba.ca/arrs/marc/marc.html

'mega-index' tool to vegetarianism and Animal Rights
http://www.uel.ac.uk/pers/1420/vegindex.html

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA)
http://www.ipp.com/ipp/custom/peta OR
http://envirolink.org/arra/peta/

HUNT SABBING INFORMATION

Hunt Sab Association
http://envirolink.org/arrs/hsa.html

League Against Cruel Sports
http://envirolink.org/arrs/lacs.html
Includes leaflets on fox hunting and cub-hunting.

The National Anti-Hunt Campaign
http://envirolink.org/arrs/NAHC/info.html
Information on campaign to end bloodsports in UK.

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN INFO

Agriculture/Environment electronic mailing list (agenvir-l)
http://www.io.com/~btorres/subscribe.html

Animal page of Sumeria
http://werple.mira.net.au/sumeria
List of animal-derived substances.

Compassion in World Farming
http://envirolink.org/arrs/CIWF/ciwf.html

UK Vegetarian Society
http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Vegetarian/VegSocUK/info.html
Infosheets.

UK Vegan Society
http://www.uel.ac.uk/pers/1420/VeganSoc/vegansoc.html
Leaflets, infosheets, articles.

Vegan Action
http://www.umanitoba.ca/arrs/va/vegan_action.html

Vegan Society's (unofficial) Web pages

http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Vegetarian/Orgs/VeganSocUK/poorcalf.html

Vegetarian Pages
http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Vegetarian/

Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG) home page
http://www.umanitoba.ca/arrs/VRG/home.html
All electronically available VRG materials, converted to HTML.

Vegetarian Restaurant Chains
http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Vegetarian/Guide/usa1.html

VIVISECTION INFO

Dr Hadwen Trust for humane research
http://envirolink.org/arrs/DrHT/index.html
Advancement of non-animal techniques to replace animal experiments in medical research.

Information on all NIH-funded animal research
http://public.sdsu.edu/Psy/
space bar to "Links to other Psych-related links"
space bar to "NIH"
space bar to "Grants & Research Info"
space bar to "CRISP"
select the fiscal year you are interested in and then use keywords to find what you're interested in. You can select fields of research (i.e. "exercise", "cocaine") or species of animal (i.e. "cats").

John Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) home page http://www.jhu.edu/~caat/
<caat@phnet.sph.jhu.edu> OR <drudacil@jhuhyg.sph.jhu.edu>

"Virtual reality" frog that can be used as an alternative to vivisection/dissection
http://george.lbl.gov/ITG.hm.pg.docs/dissect/info.html

WILDLIFE INFO

Idaho Coalition United for Bears (I-CUB)
http://www.moscow.com/~icub
Political action committee attempting to reform black bear hunting in Idaho.

International Primate Protection League home page
http://www.sims.net/organizations/ippl/ippl.html

INDIVIDUAL HOME PAGES

Ben Leamy
http://www.uel.ac.uk/pers/1420/info.html
Links to many other pages; "mega-index" tool to vegetarianism, animal rights, PGP and other security info, live exports.

Nick Fiddes
http://anthfirst.san.ed.ac.uk/
Links to UK animal lib activism; archives on the McLibel trial, the anti-roads movement, and the Criminal Justice Act.

Tim Spencer's pages
Home page
http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/home/tgs1001/home.html
Live Exports
http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/home/tgs1001/lexports.html
Wild Mammals Bill
http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/home/tgs1001/mammbill.html
Criminal Justice Act
http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/home/tgs1001/cja.html
Critical Mass
http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/home/tgs1001/cm.html

MAGAZINES

In addition to the magazines listed here, most groups print excellent newsletters, particularly the Hunt Saboteurs and the ALFSG-UK. Magazines dealing with prison issues are listed in the section on prisoner support/prison justice resources.

AnimaLife: The Cornell Animal Rights Advocacy Publication
Willard Straight Hall, Box 39, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 14850 USA
http://envirolink.org/arrs/AnimaLife/index.html
One of the better mainstream animal rights magazines. Fairly representative of North American college/university animal rights activism. Now on-line on the World Wide Web.

Arkangel
BCM 9240, London, WC1N 3XX, England
Two issues per year.
A great source of information on the range of animal rights/animal liberation groups in Britain, from radical to mainstream.

Dressed in Black
PO Box 6845, Syracuse, NY, 13217 USA
A very promising zine. Lots of coverage of civil disobedience, with some A.L.F. articles. We look forward to more.

Earth First! Journal
PO Box 1415, Eugene, OR, 59806 USA
Six issues per year.
An excellent journal on radical environmental and animal liberation activism. Focusses on the USA; some international coverage. Also carries information on imprisoned activists, indigenous struggles, and a directory of Earth First! chapters across the world.

Eco-Veg@n
BM HEAL, London, WC1N 3XX, England
Bi-monthly.
A hot little broadsheet from the animal lib pages editor of Green Anarchist. Even better than the predecessor, R@T. An awesome amount of information for 4 pages, and some nifty graphics.

Green Anarchist
BCM 1715, London, WC1N 3XX, England
Quarterly.
Features a regular animal liberation section in addition to lots of news and articles about earth liberation, from an anarchist perspective.

Happy Meal
c/o Katie & Jack, 16 Evergreen Square #3, Somerville, MA, 02143-2323 USA
40 pp. $1 or 5 stamps, plus postage. Trades accepted.
Vegan zine from x-edge punk perspective, with a good deal of humor. Issue #3 (Winter 1995) got a rave review from one Vegan-L poster. Described as "a highly personalized view of two whose veganism seems to creep into pretty much every facet of their lives". Criticisms of just about every institution, including the American Vegan Society and John Robbins (apparently Robbins actually wrote back to thank Katie for pointing out his homophobic language). The Vegan-L reviewer wrote, "Great graphics, humorous cartoons, and standard (though excellent) recipes."

Liberator
PO Box 80, Chichester, W Sussex, P019 4QJ, England
Published very irregularly.
Action reports, newspaper clippings, sabbing news, Justice Department chronology, and anything else relating to direct action for animal liberation.

Presse pour la Liberation des Animaux (P.L.A.)
BP 66007, 620, St-Jean, Quebec City, PQ, Canada, G1R 1P8
Most P.L.A. literature (pamphlets, magazines, etc.) and posters are in French. The P.L.A. coordinator is bilingual and can answer inquiries in French or English. The P.L.A. is a member of the NA-ALFSG and a distributor of Underground and Combat. Pour avoir de renseignement sur la P.L.A., écrire au P.L.A.; inclure un timbre dans votre lettre, s.v.p.

Schism
PO Box 75119, Ritchie PO, Edmonton, AB, Canada, T6E 6K1
Published very irregularly.

Watch out! Gruesome photos and text GUARANTEED to turn you into a vegan if you aren't one already. Do not combine with other medication, or you may blow a few brain cells. Imagine the offspring of anti-vivisection & other animal liberation stuff mixed with an over-average dose of caffeine.

The Animals' Agenda
PO Box 25881, Baltimore, MD, 21224 USA
410-675-4566: Tel / 410-675-0066: Fax
<75543.3331@compuserve.com>
$22/6 copies/yr

Worth getting for the high-quality pictures alone. Has been supportive of ALFSGs, and to some extent the A.L.F., in the past.

The Animals' Voice
6433 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Suite 405, Canoga Park, CA, 91303
USA$24/4 issues/yr; newsletters between issues

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

1-800-82-VOICE
SLAPP ASSISTANCE (SLAPP = STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)

Coalition Against Malicious Lawsuits: PO Box 751, Valley Stream, NY, 11582, USA

McLibel Support Campaign: 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DX, England

SLAPP Resource Center: University of Denver College of Law, 1900 Olive St, Denver, CO, 80220, USA; (303) 871-6266

AGAINST CONTROL UNITS
- Bonnie Kernes should read Bonnie Kerness

GENERAL/MISC
- take off Claire Culhane
- take off Friends of Political Prisoners

SUPPORTING ANIMAL LIB PRISONERS
- change Activist Support Group: doing support work for Rod Coronado.

ROD CORONADO SUPPORT COMMITTEE
PO box 1891, Tucson, AZ 85702
Phone: 602-322-9819 Fax: 602-7952527
email: <seacsw@seac.com>

NORTH AMERICAN ANIMAL SANCTUARIES

American Tortoise Rescue
5757 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 655, Los Angeles, CA, 90036-3686 USA
Tel: 800-938-3553

American Tortoise Rescue does "everything but adopt foundlings out", out of concern that there is no way of knowing whether prospective adopters will actually provide good homes. In addition to dealing with rescuing individual tortoises, they do education about tortoises and have factsheets and other information available.

Center for Animal Protection and Education (CAPE)
PO Box 67176, Scotts Valley, CA, 95067-7176 USA

CAPE focusses on education about vivisection, factory farming, hunting, the fur industry, and other forms of animal exploitation. CAPE also has a foster care program and has been able to place over 20 animals in a 5-month period. They are searching for more foster homes for animals.

Farm Sanctuary East: PO Box 150, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 USA; Tel: 607-583-2225
Farm Sanctuary West: PO Box 1065, Orland, CA 95963 USA; Tel: 916-865-4617

The two Farm Sanctuaries are "dedicated to ending the exploitation of animals used for food production." Their sanctuaries are home to hundreds of abused, neglected, and rescued farm animals who either live out their lives at the farms or are placed in good homes.

Anyone wanting to help directly might consider an internship. Interns are involved in animal care and farm shelter chores, administrative activities, and education and outreach programs. The most important qualification is a strong commitment to animal rights and vegetarianism. Interns volunteer on a full-time, five-day a week schedule, and the minimum commitment for the program is one month. If you are interested in interning, contact the Farm Sanctuary location that you wish to intern at.

JES Exotic Animal Sanctuary
W7593 Townhall Road, Sharon, WI, 53585-9728 USA
Tel: 414-736-9386 - Jill or EJ Shumak

Houses over 30 large cats (including lions, tigers, leopards, pumas) and other animals, all who had been abused, starved, or in danger of death. Any donation -- especially "in kind" gifts of a dependable farm truck to rescue animals in the midwest -- is needed to help keep JES Exotic Animal Sanctuary in operation.

Martha's Sanctuary
P.O. Box 22203, Kirkwood, MO, 63122 USA
Tel: 314-995-9260

Home of 250+ dogs; in need of dog food, dog food coupons, donations.

Midwest Animal Rehabilitation Society (MARS)
Route 2, Box 63, Amherst, NE, 68812 USA

MARS is a grassroots-based group "dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release/retirement/adoption of animals." MARS also provides educational materials, organizes educational programs, and provides a free referral program for animal welfare issues.

PAWS
PO Box 849, Galt, CA, 95632 USA

"We're dedicated to the protection of performing animals and captive wildlife and maintain a sanctuary in California for wildlife." They are planning to help relocate three elephants from the Milwaukee Zoo and recently finished building a 4000 -sq foot mountain lion enclosure.

Pets Alive
RD #10, Derby Road, Middletown, NY, 10940 USA
Contact: Sara Whalen

Sanctuary run from a farm; houses and rehabilitates hundreds of injured animals (including birds, horses, pigs, and cows) that cannot survive on their own. Over 200 animals a year are placed in suitable homes. Pets Alive works in conjunction with Legal Action for Animals to take animals that are facing death in SPCAs and other "shelters".

The future of the sanctuary is in question. The owner is facing an eviction notice, but with the help of Legal Action for Animals is trying to get extensions to allow time to raise the money needed to buy the farm the sanctuary is currently on, or to buy another farm. If the sanctuary is closed, the animals will most likely be killed, as they need so much care they will not be considered "adoptable". Donations are desperately needed. Pets Alive is recognized as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, so all donations are deductible from federal income taxes to the extenet allowed by law.

PIGS
P.O. Box 629, Charles Town, WV, 25414 USA
Tel/Fax: 304-725-PIGS
Welcomes visitors.

Primarily Primates
PO Box 207, San Antonio, TX, 78291-0207 USA
Sanctuary for non-human primates.

Wilderness Ranch
19595 Buckhorn Road, Bellevue, CO 80512
Tel: 303-493-7153 -- Jan Hamilton
Vegan community dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing permanent sanctuary for "food" animals (cows, pigs, etc). The 65-acre ranch, nestled in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, has its own lake, mature trees, and Buckhorn Creek, which is full of wildlife. In addition to being a sanctuary for animals, the ranch is also an educational facility where people can come to learn why and how to live a vegan lifestyle. They are "seeking dedicated people to join us in this work".

WHO GRASSED ON ROD CORONADO?

Someone did, and they were paid for their troubles. The November issue of Michigan Out-Of-Doors (special Deer Hunting Issue) magazine lists those groups that contributed to a fund that paid an anonymous tipster for info on Rod Coronado. A reward totaling $22,000 was put out by these groups:

Michigan United Conservation Clubs: $5000
Michigan big Game Hunter's Assoc.: $5000
Incurable Ill for Animal Research: $5000
Michigan Trappers Assoc.: $1000
Michigan Fur Conservation Assoc: $1000
National Rifle Association: $1000
Fur Information Council: $1000
Americans for Medical Progress: $1000
Safari Club International: $1000
Ohio Big Bucks Club: $1000

North American



Supporters Group

TS02- Above design on T-Shirt. XL only. Black on White, Grey, Red. $15

NEW FROM THE NA-ALFSG

Two Great T-Shirt designs, fabric patches and stickers!

X03-Stickers. 50cents each, $2.00 for six (Actual size shown)

Support the A.L.F.



The Animal Liberation Front
Saves Animals Lives

TS01- above design on T-shirt. XL only. Black ink on White, Gray, Red. $15

X04- Fabric Patches, great for stitching on bags, jackets, etc. $2.
(Actual size shown)

Milk 'bomb' scare called unfortunate

BY DESMOND BILL
STAFF REPORTER

A milk sales promotion that sparked an explosive burst of publicity has embarrassed rather than pleased its sponsors.

A prize milk carton used in the campaign caused a bomb scare and ruined business for hundreds of merchants at the Eaton Centre Sunday afternoon.

It was an unfortunate incident, said a spokesperson for the Dairy Farmers of Ontario, but it won't stop the milk promotion.

The carton was wired so it emitted a mooing sound when opened and a sign on its side said: If this carton goes MOOOO you win. The carton was one of hundreds of thousands distributed since the campaign started Oct. 1.

But when it was found by an employee in Cultures restaurant, she saw the wires inside it but didn't read the message on the side. She called mall security officials.

They called Metro police who took one look at the carton and ordered the immediate evacuation of half the mall and the closing of a section of Queen and Yonge Sts.

An expert on the police bomb squad X-rayed the carton, saw the wiring and a microchip and blew up the package.

Staff Sergeant Garry Silliker said yesterday police didn't know about the contest. All they saw was a milk carton with wires and a device inside it.

"Things that look innocuous may be dangerous and this was perceived as a package of a possibly explosive nature," he said.

"Our people were not sure of what they had and obviously they were taking no chances."

Bill Mitchell, an official of the Dairy Farmers organization — formerly known as the Ontario Milk Marketing Board — said it was obvious that whoever had left the carton in Cultures didn't know they had a winning carton.

"Maybe the restaurant was noisy and they didn't hear the carton moo," he said in a phone interview. He called it "an unfortunate incident, a misunderstanding."

But it won't stop the promotion, which he said is one of the most popular in the history of the industry.

Milk drinkers have a chance to win prizes such as cars, ski vacations and snowboard gear.

When they open a prize carton, it emits a mooing sound and there is a ticket inside with a phone number to claim their prize.

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